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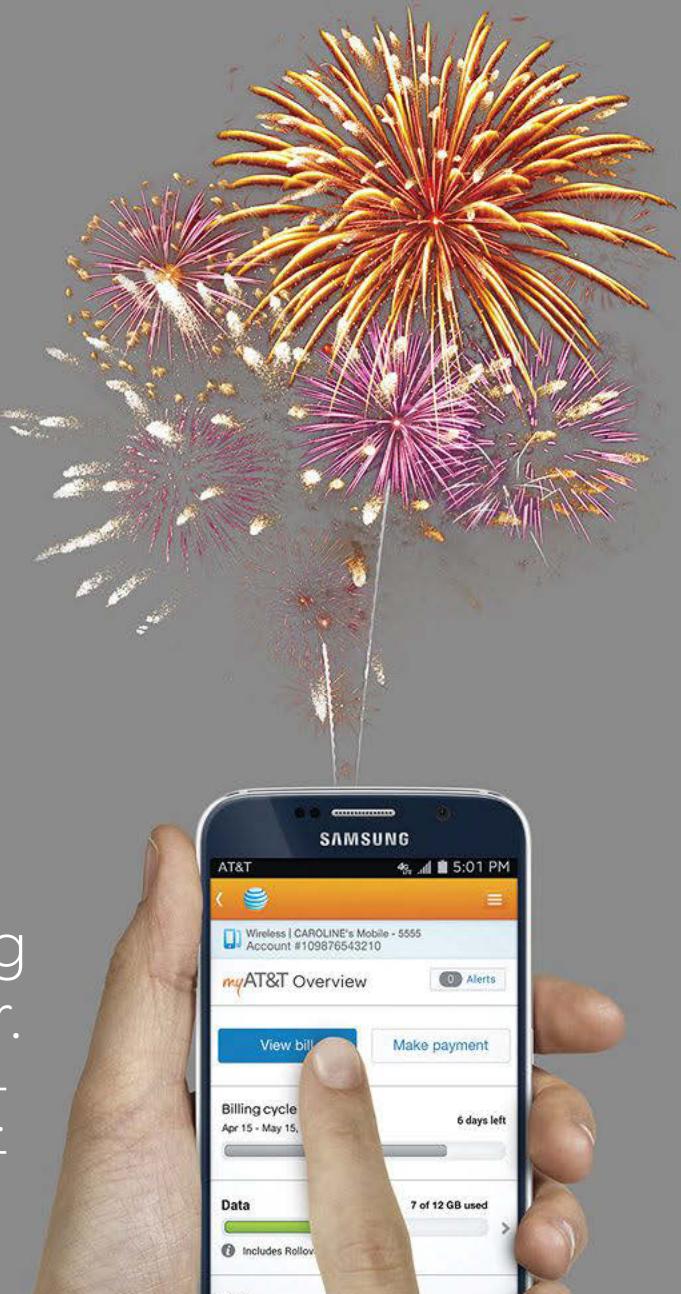
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chair

Classic beach fold chair in navy/sand Sunbrella, \$229, ballarddesigns.com



planter

Barn Red 19 1/4"W x 13"D x 9"H galvanized metal beverage tub, \$35, dotandbo.com; small American flags on wooden sticks, \$6 for a package of 12, orientaltrading.com. We drilled drainage holes in our tub and planted blue hydrangeas.



doormat

Whale doormat, \$35, modcloth.com

front door of the month

door

Simpson Door Co. custom true radius half circle pine exterior door, \$1,900, wdinj.com for buying info; Rope style brass side-plate lockset in French antique finish, \$168, emtek.com for buying info



paint

Red Dragon by Clark + Kensington

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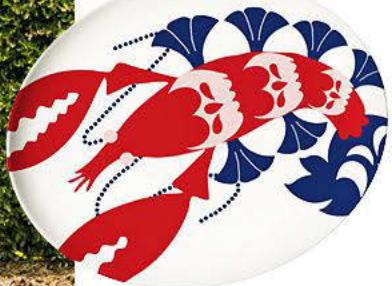
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pick a seat

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Generations Garden 46" W x 20 1/4" D x 36" H plastic bench in sky blue, \$530, purehome.com

garden stool

Safavieh Lacey 18" H x 13" -diameter ceramic garden stool, \$125, target.com



outdoor rug

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SWING Rivertowne 81" W x 45" D x 31" H custom swing bed with Sunbrella mattress/pillow set in white, from \$2,075, lcswingbeds.com

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Designers compete for a \$50,000 prize on HGTV's new summer show *Beach Flip*. Cohost Josh Temple, center, keeps the energy level pumped up.



"It's amazing what paint can hide," cohost David Bromstad noted after peeking in on the designers mid-reno.



These are the condos the designers had to flip.

flipping houses + beach = fun

A few months ago, HGTV invited me to appear on their new show *Beach Flip*. (Yes!) Here's the scoop: It's a design competition show that takes place on the Gulf Coast of Alabama. Four teams each transform an outdated condo into a dreamy beach retreat. Josh Temple, David Bromstad, and Nicole Curtis mentor the teams and judge their work. The team that does the smartest flip—in other words, adds the most value to the home—wins \$50,000 and a feature in *HGTV Magazine*. (The story will be in our October issue.) I can't give anything away, but I can say that this was real reality TV. The pressure was intense, and every designer was in it to win it. As John said, "These teams started out playing it friendly and safe, but soon the fire of competition kicked in fiercely." I toured the finished condos and was super impressed with the results. There are lots of clever ideas worth tuning in to see.

Back at the magazine, we were inspired by the beach, too. On page 75, we feature the best shore-inspired finds that would look great in any home anywhere. Do I think houses in Iowa can have cabana-stripe rugs and sea glass-color lamps? Heck yeah! Our outdoor party section (page 125) also boosts the fun factor in this issue. We feature 28 plates that won't break, a wheelbarrow as an ice bin, and the cutest DIY paper fans ever. If all that doesn't make you want to take a big bite out of summer, I'm not sure what will. Enjoy the sunshine!



From left: Loren Ruch, HGTV VP of programming partnerships; *Beach Flip* cohosts Josh Temple and Nicole Curtis; me; and *Beach Flip* cohost David Bromstad. I brought 30 pairs of flip-flops to give away on set. David fell hard for this red, white, and blue pair!



To read my behind-the-scenes *Beach Flip* Q&A, go to hgtv.com/beach-flip-hosts.

Sara

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I loved the "His, Hers, & Theirs"

home tour in your January/February issue. It was refreshing to see such a complex and layered interior in the magazine. Brittany and Jim Flowers have great original style with a modern flair. Show me more like this!

—Meryl Rotch, Bethel Park, PA

The bath towel story in your

May issue ("Stop Hanging On to Your Old Towels!") kicked me into redecorating mode. I finally faced my own tired bathroom towel situation, replacing the faded green ones I'd had for years with a colorful, not-so-matchy combination inspired by the ones you featured.

—Melissa Davis, Mesa, AZ

Your paint-themed May issue

was the best ever, with so many great ideas for anyone looking to redecorate. I wish I'd had it in hand when I was trying to convince my husband that we should paint the dated, rustic brick wall in our family room. It took me three years, but he finally agreed a few months ago. Now we couldn't be happier with how such a simple, inexpensive change transformed our house.

—Carol Pattee, Oshkosh, WI

I was so pleased you discussed

releasing helium balloons into the air in May's "How Bad Is It?" I've been involved in sea turtle rehabilitation in Florida for 17 years and agree that letting go of helium balloons is super bad for marine life.

—Connie Murk, Sarasota, FL



The bright colors in your magazine

really helped when I was picking a color for my own front door. I opted for Decisive Yellow by Sherwin-Williams, which stands out against our home's gray siding.

—Natalie Bushaw, Inver Grove Heights, MN



From our cover to your home

I'd been holding on to an antique settee for years, waiting to find the right fabric, and bam—there it was, on your January/February cover. I had an upholsterer re-cover it for me using that same print, and I'm thrilled with the result.

—DEDE WEST, TEMECULA, CA



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"The High/Low List" is the best column in your magazine. It's why I keep subscribing. My favorite item in the May edition was the petite end table with arched details from homedecorators.com. Lucky me, it was one of the lows!

—Sue Marcellus, Kansas City, MO



That was a super paint index you compiled ("Giant Paint Index") for your May issue. Who doesn't love an extra-long pullout page of pretty colors? It's frame-worthy! What a great way to inspire readers to get out their paint rollers and brushes.

—Shante Jones, Oakland, CA

A story that you ran last April ("Around the House With a Ladder Shelf") stuck with me, and I finally put the tips I learned to good use in my small kitchen. I spray-painted a shelf I already had, then lined it with contact paper to protect it like you did. Thanks for teaching me to use an old piece in a new way.

—Bridget Gallo, Redlands, CA

I've been refurbishing furniture since I was in my 20s. Now I'm 73 and I still love finding pieces to make over. It's no wonder a friend sent me HGTV Magazine. I've really enjoyed all the tips from people who love redoing furniture as much as I do.

—Judy Lebsack, Ocala, FL

Over the past few issues, I have been thrilled to see a revival of gold and brass finishes in the pages of your magazine. I particularly enjoyed the decor of the Georgia ranch house in the May story "2 Parts Quirky, 1 Part Classic." The warmth of the gold items featured feels so homey to me.

—Laura O'Gara, Henderson, NV

Thanks for focusing on paint in the May issue! Seeing the HGTV stars' favorite colors made me want to repaint my whole house, starting with our basement. I also picked up a Handy paint pail based on your "cool tool" recommendation, and that thing is fantastic! It made the job so much easier.

—Megan Hoyer, Woodbury, MN



I'm a big fan of your regular paint column "Wow! What Color Is That?" and wanted to share how I used my favorite color, blue, at home. When my kitchen was being renovated, I painted the island Bermuda Blue by Benjamin Moore—aptly named since I live near the beach!

—Donna Kwiatkowski, Bay Head, NJ



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one last question



Your May issue came just in time to spark a Mother's Day DIY gift idea. On the last page, where HGTV stars offered alternate uses for photo frames, Joanna Gaines suggested framing old brooches. I re-created the look with my grandmother's collection for my mom. She loved it!

—Erica Fiorini, Rock Tavern, NY

I've enjoyed your magazine since it debuted, and I like to give gift subscriptions. I was delighted when my adult granddaughter said the magazine has been the best present ever. It's given her tons of decorating ideas to use in the new house she and her husband are buying.

—Jaye Denman, Jackson, MS

How smart of you to reupholster a chair using a drop cloth (May's "Fresh Ideas With Paint"). I liked the idea so much, I tried it myself. Instead of splatter-painting it, I kept mine neutral to match my living room. Working with a drop cloth rather than fabric was affordable and easy.

—Judy Curry, Albany, NY



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Get the look: THE CELLAR CAKESTAND WITH MINI-DOME, THE CELLAR STACKABLE 3-TIER CAKE STAND

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"This makeover is everything we wanted but nothing we could have ever imagined."



Get the look: ELLIOT FABRIC MICROFIBER 2-PIECE SECTIONAL SOFA, RUSTON COFFEE TABLE

With the new, open floor plan, the couple created a conversation space near the kitchen, with a sectional sofa and a coffee table, that allows them to entertain while they cook.



Get the look: BARSTOW SANTA MARIA FABRIC ACCENT CHAIR, NATALIE FAUX LEATHER OTTOMAN

Joe likes the splashes of color from the furniture, decor, and accessories from Macy's. These items make their home a reflection of their colorful personalities.



Get the look: CHAMPAGNE DINING ROOM SET, NORITAKE COLORWAVES DINNERWARE, ONEIDA ICARUS 50-PIECE FLATWARE SET, CHILEWICH BOUCLE PLACEMAT AND CHILEWICH SOLID LINEN NAPKIN

Britney and Joe are looking forward to hosting holidays now that they have a welcoming dining room set, matching tableware, and table linens.

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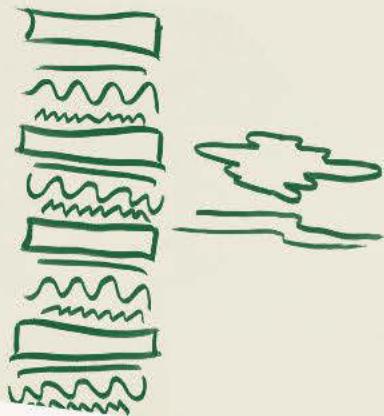


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pretty bad!

...to use the same loofah over and over again?

Do so and you may be lathering more than just body wash onto your skin. While those spongy poufs make great exfoliators, they also make a cozy home for bacteria, says Heidi Waldorf, M.D., director of laser and cosmetic dermatology at The Mount Sinai Medical Center. The problem, says Dr. Waldorf, is that loofahs never completely dry out—and a wet environment attracts bacteria. When the bacteria interact with your skin, it can lead to bumpy, uncomfortable infections, such as folliculitis and impetigo. To keep your skin looking its best, use a synthetic loofah, and machine-wash it weekly in a hot-water cycle. If you prefer a natural loofah, spring for a new one each month.

really bad!



...to swim right after eating?

In some cases it's worth waiting 30 minutes after chowing down. If you have a heavy meal before engaging in a particularly vigorous swim, you could end up with stomach cramps, nausea, or acid reflux, says Roshini Raj, M.D., a gastroenterologist and clinical associate professor of medicine at NYU School of Medicine. "You're most likely to feel uncomfortable if the food is high in fat or protein, like a hero sandwich with chips, because those take longer to digest," she says. But if you've had only a light snack—say a granola bar or a piece of fruit—you're in the clear. Dive right in!

not bad at all!

(if you've had a light snack)

pretty bad!

(if you've had a heavy meal)

...to cut down overhanging branches from a neighbor's tree?

Don't rev up that chain saw just yet. First check with a local attorney specializing in property law, since restrictions on how to handle this type of issue vary by state. "People think they have a right to cut branches that encroach on their property, but that's not the law," says Barri Kaplan Bonapart, an attorney in California and author of *Understanding Tree Law*. Try chatting with your neighbor to hash out the problem. If that doesn't work, have a licensed, bonded, and insured tree-care company assess the situation, then inform your neighbor of your plan. Just take care not to trespass on your neighbor's property or damage the tree, which could lead to a several-thousand-dollar fine.

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...to swat at a bee?

Keep your hands to yourself. While a bee would rather fly away from you than attack you, that can change if you swat at it, says Robbin Thorp, Ph.D., professor emeritus of entomology at the University of California, Davis. It's possible a bee would see this as a threat and defend itself by stinging you. To save yourself the pain, says Thorp, calmly walk away or take shelter from any bee that gets too close for comfort. You know, buzz off.

really bad!



...to take a shower during a thunderstorm?

Shocker: You actually can get struck by lightning in the shower. It's incredibly rare—struckbylightning.org, a nonprofit that keeps track of lightning strikes, lists just nine incidents since 2004—but if a bolt of lightning strikes your house, the resulting surge of electricity will most likely follow either the plumbing or the wiring to the ground. If it takes the plumbing path, the voltage can jump from your showerhead to you, says John Jensenius, lightning safety specialist for the National Weather Service. That could lead to a painful jolt or, worst-case scenario, stop your heart. So wait until the storm has passed to bathe, and avoid other watery activities like washing dishes.

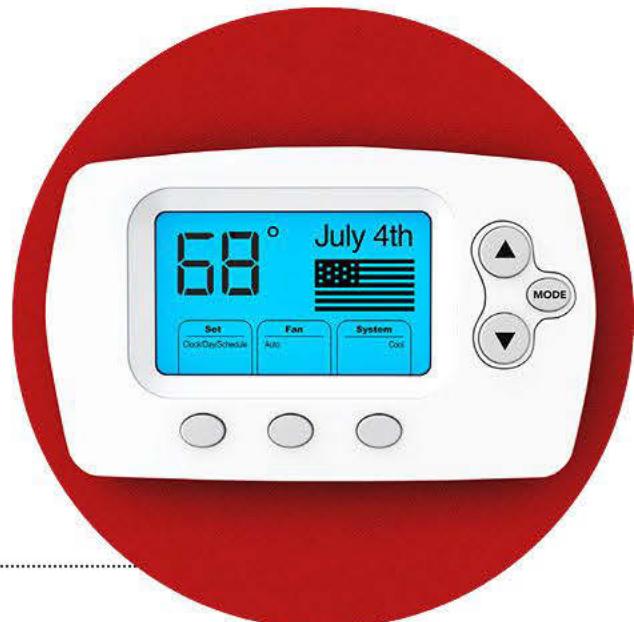
super bad!



...to leave the AC on while you're away for the weekend?

It depends how you feel about wasting money. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American household spends \$240 per year on home cooling. So turning the air conditioner off for 48 hours (or more) can save a few bucks. To keep your pad from broiling while you're gone, close the blinds and curtains, suggests Meg Waltner, manager for building energy policy for the Natural Resources Defense Council. If you don't want to shut the AC off completely, crank up the temp by seven degrees or more. "That will save energy—and you won't be sweating when you return home," says Waltner.

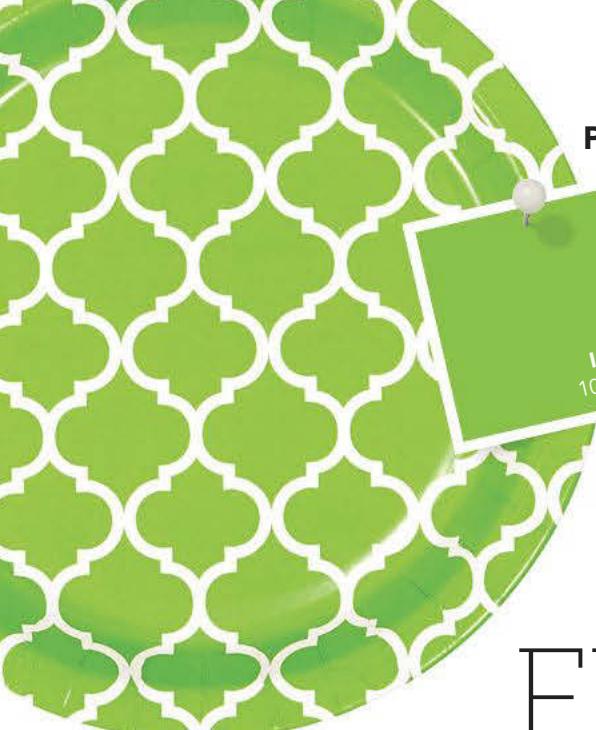
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what's the difference

Finally! Clarification on some commonly confused household terms.



rose VS. rose of sharon

A symbol of love and a favorite for bouquets, **roses** come in hundreds of colors, shapes, and sizes. Often fragrant, they grow on climbing vines and shrubs as far north as Alaska.



griddle VS. grill pan

With a large, flat surface and a low lip for easy flipping, a **griddle** is ideal for making batches of pancakes and fried eggs. It comes in round, rectangular, and square styles.



antique furniture VS. vintage furniture

According to federal guidelines, an **antique** is an object 100 years or older. An antique's rarity, condition, and level of craftsmanship tend to boost its value.



There's no government-regulated—or even clear-cut—definition of **vintage**. But it usually refers to items that are at least 20 years old and sought after by collectors.



dish towel VS. tea towel

The no-frills workhorse of the kitchen, a **dish towel** is mainly used for drying dishes and hands. Choose absorbent, lint-free cotton or linen, which can withstand frequent laundering.



Hand-embroidered **tea towels** were originally just for show. Now they're mostly mass-produced, but they are still primarily used to pretty up a kitchen, not to keep it tidy.



OUR EXPERTS: Justin Bluth, director of marketing at Calphalon; EllynAnne Geisel, author of *The Kitchen Linens Book*; Susan Littlefield, horticultural editor at the National Gardening Association; Palmer Pekarek, senior vice president of operations at Ruby Lane



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Working Together to Make Balanced Meals More Accessible to All

Food doesn't just bring families together. Farmers, nonprofits, agricultural organizations and many others come together to collaborate on sustainable farming solutions. Here are 4 ways they are working together to help farmers have better harvests while using resources more efficiently (and make delicious, balanced meals more accessible to every family).

1 harvesting solutions

Farmers use data services that help them understand how soil and water conditions vary across their land, providing custom strategies that help them make better decisions throughout the growing season and ultimately have better harvests.

2 weather (or not)

Weather experts have created mobile apps that allow farmers to check weather and field conditions remotely—helping them find the ideal time to plant in order to use water more efficiently and have better harvests.



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and worst the best[^]time to...

...paint your house, reseed your lawn, even grocery shop!

...clean your gutters

BEST: Early spring and late fall, after the leaves have finished falling from nearby trees. Clearing gutters twice a year prevents built-up debris, such as sticks and bird and animal nests, from weighing down the gutters.

WORST: Early fall, before all the leaves have turned and fallen. Also, put off this chore when the ground is wet or slippery, which makes using a ladder unsafe.



...get your chimney inspected

BEST: Spring, when business in the field is slow. Companies might offer discounted services this time of year, and you'll have several months to get repairs done before the cold weather returns.

WORST: The fall. Chimney pros' busy season hits as summer winds down, meaning it could take weeks to get one to your house. Even then, freezing temps and snow could delay repairs.

...paint your house's exterior

BEST: On a dry day when the forecast calls for a temperature between 50°F and 95°F and it won't dip below freezing at night—usually early summer.

WORST: When it's about to rain, humid, or chilly—below 50°F during the day and 32°F at night. Avoid wind too. It makes being on a ladder difficult and potentially dangerous.

...pave your driveway

BEST: Early summer through early fall, when the ground is fully thawed out and can be tightly packed to create a smooth surface for pavers or asphalt. If you're using asphalt, pave when you're not expecting guests—the surface has to dry for 48 to 72 hours before you can drive on it.

WORST: Spring, when the weather is typically wet and the ground may still be partially frozen, which could cause lumps in the driveway's foundation.



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...buy a major appliance

BEST: September and October. These months are just ahead of new model releases, so stores get anxious to clear their inventory. Also look for sales during weekends before or after holidays like Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day.

WORST: November, December, and January, when you're most likely to pay full retail price.



...hire an exterminator

BEST: Schedule routine pest treatments for a time when kids and pets can stay in another room for a few hours. The pro will tell you if you need to leave the house and for how long.

WORST: For outdoor treatments, when it's raining. Most products must be carefully applied and allowed to dry quickly—tough in wet weather.

...grocery shop

BEST: For the biggest savings, hit the store the same day its circular comes out (Wednesday or Thursday in most areas).

To avoid crowded aisles, shop Monday or Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. if you can.

WORST: Weekends, when stores draw the most people, and after 6 on weeknights, when you'll battle tired, cranky shoppers. Also note that on-sale items may be out of stock the day after the circular is released; wait a day and they should be back on shelves.

...run your oven's self-cleaning feature

BEST: When you won't need the kitchen for a while. The oven's self-clean cycle takes three or more hours and can create funky fumes, so open the windows and hang out elsewhere in the house.

WORST: Before bed or when you're not home. Oven grime could get overly smoky or actually ignite. Avoid this feature before a big holiday too. The extreme heat could damage the oven's electrical parts or the door's latch, which you'd need to get fixed before using the oven again.

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...plant a tree

BEST: Spring, after the ground has thawed and before the tree you want to plant has sprouted all its leaves, or early fall.

WORST: Midsummer. The heat and process of transplanting can stress the tree, giving it less energy to settle its roots into its new home.



...reseed your lawn

BEST: Fall if you live in a cool climate; spring or summer if you live somewhere warm. Grasses grown in colder climates, such as Kentucky bluegrass and fine fescue, need cool soil and adequate rainfall to establish their roots. In warmer areas, you might be using Bermuda grass or zoysia, both of which prefer temperatures in the 70s or higher to get started. Plant those in late spring or by midsummer.

WORST: Midsummer for cold-climate grasses. Heat poses a challenge for grasses trying to grow their roots, and weeds are more likely to fight for real estate. For warm-climate grasses, the worst time to plant is in the early fall. Seeds won't have enough time to establish themselves before temperatures drop.

...plant bulbs

BEST: Six weeks before your area's first frost date for spring-blooming bulbs like daffodils and tulips (to find this date for your area, go to almanac.com). For summer-blooming bulbs like cannas and other lilies, plant in late spring, when the chance of frost is over.

WORST: Early in the spring, when cold, wet soil can cause bulbs to rot.

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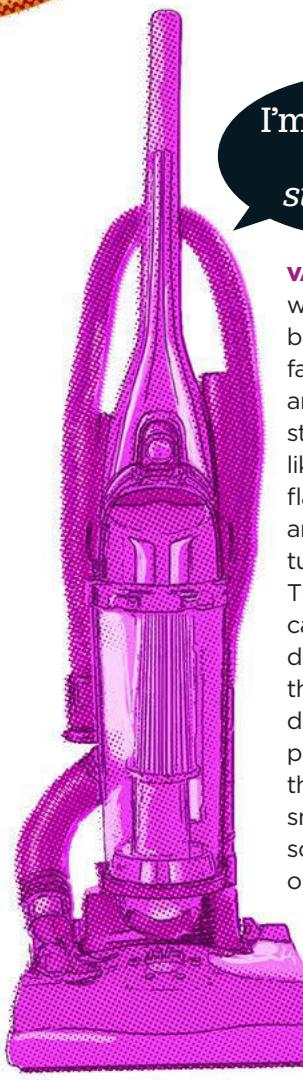
REFRIGERATOR You're wasting moolah if you're not de-griming your fridge's gasket, the rubber seal around the door. A gasket gunked up with food and liquid spills compromises the airtight seal, forcing the fridge to use more electricity to keep the inside cool. Clean the gasket with soap and warm water regularly, and replace it if you see cracks, warps, or tears.



SLOW COOKER Lifting the lid on a slow cooker while it's working is tempting, but even a fast look-see interrupts the cooking process by letting steam escape. How inefficient is a quick glance? For each peek, you'll need to add 15 minutes to the total cook time.



HAIR DRYER It looks tidier, but winding the cord tightly around the dryer after each use can stress the electrical wiring. Over time, kinked wires can spark or the dryer can short out. To prolong your dryer's life span, either let the cord hang free or gather and loosely secure it with Velcro.



VACUUM A vacuum with a rapidly spinning brush roller often falls victim to human and animal hair. Long strands coil python-like around the rollers, flattening the brushes and jamming the turning mechanism. The result: The machine can no longer pull in debris effectively, and the agitator belt might die. Head off trouble by periodically removing the brush roller and snipping hair with scissors or tearing it out with a seam ripper.

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They don't know I'm *timing* them.



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The slightly slower vibration you feel every 30 seconds? It's a timer to help you be a better brusher. When you feel it, move on to a different part of your mouth. After the dentist-recommended two minutes of brushing, some models will buzz or shut off.



TOASTER Ignoring the setting dial—the knob with numbers that fine-tunes how light or dark the bread gets—can leave you with consistently under- or overdone toast. Change the setting based on not only the thickness of the bread but also the freshness: Turn the dial lower for slightly stale bread and higher for fresh slices.



It's not *my* fault the glasses are dirty.

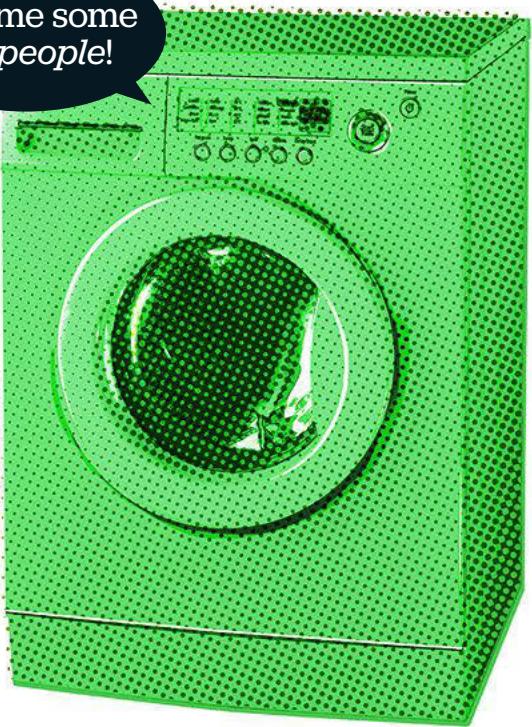
DISHWASHER Chances are it's an operator error if the dishes on the top don't get clean. That's because in most dishwashers, the main spray arm is located under the bottom rack. Cover it with a pot or a bowl and the water jets get blocked. The solution: Tuck large dishes and cookware in the corners or off to the sides, and check the manual for loading suggestions specific to your model.

How embarrassing—I'm still on my original factory settings.



TELEVISION Start watching that brand-new TV without calibrating it and you're probably not getting the best picture quality. You can adjust variables like color, brightness, contrast, and sharpness yourself (check the manual for how-tos), or you can hire someone from the store where you purchased the TV to help.

Give me some air, people!



WASHING MACHINE When you shut the door of a front-loader washing machine between loads, moisture can get trapped inside the drum and the door seal. The damp, dark atmosphere can result in a musty smell—or mold. Prevent mildew and odor by leaving the door wide open after every wash so the drum dries out. Help it along by wiping down the door, drum, and door seal with a dry rag after each use.



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OVEN It's a shocker to owners of newer models, but lining an oven's bottom with foil (which can fuse to the interior) and spraying the inside with oven cleaner (which could ruin the porcelain) are no-nos. Doing either or both can void your warranty, something manufacturers usually spell out in the manual. Skip over that info and you'll pay the repair bills yourself.

BLENDER This ice is hard work. Where do they think we are, Jamba Juice?



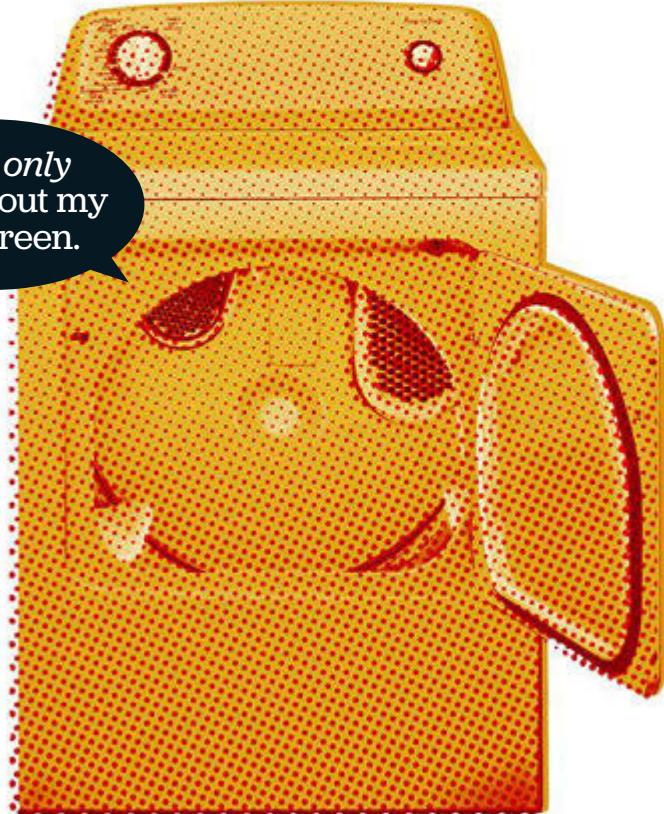
BLENDER Some high-performance blenders with professional-level motors and powerful blades can pulverize ice and frosty berries for years. But not all blenders can withstand the stress. If you're crushing rock-hard frozen stuff regularly, invest in a model with at least 1,400 watts rather than the typical 500.

IRON My steam button exists for a reason.

IRON Ironing wrinkles out of cotton, linen, and denim is easier and faster when the fabric is slightly moistened. If the clothing you're pressing is bone-dry, hit the steam button to dampen the fibers, which causes them to relax. Fill the water reservoir at least halfway so you don't have to refill between garments—and if there's H₂O left over, empty it to prevent mineral buildup.



DRYER They only care about my lint screen.



DRYER Lint—which leads to many of the 15,000 dryer fires a year—can fall through the lint screen and build up inside the crevices of the dryer, causing a potential fire hazard. Clear fuzz off the screen after each load, and use a long, flexible brush to clean inside its compartment. Once a year, clean out the entire venting system all the way to the exterior ductwork, or hire a pro to help.

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green blue

BY FARROW & BALL

"Straddling the fence between blue and green, this is a hard-to-pin-down color—which is great. It's a chameleon you can pair with coral, cobalt blue, and teal, like the headboard and window shades. I think either/or colors are very versatile, especially in a bedroom."

—Annsley McAleer, Annsley Interiors, Boston, MA

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down pour

BY BEHR

"I teamed up with my design partner, Suysel dePedro Cunningham, to overhaul my kitchen, and we both fell head over heels for this nickel gray. The color had to feel industrial—I live in a loft in a converted soap factory—without seeming stark. This shade nails it."

—Anne Maxwell Foster,
Tilton Fenwick, New York, NY



oh so red

BY VALSPAR

"Anthony and I reno'ed this house for *Cousins Undercover*. The place had crazy-tall ceilings—we're talking 15 feet in some spots—and huge, empty walls. We added pine boards to this one and then went all in with the red. It's bold, but it balances out the black stairs and railing and helps the art feel more cohesive."

—John Colaneri, *America's Most Desperate Kitchens*



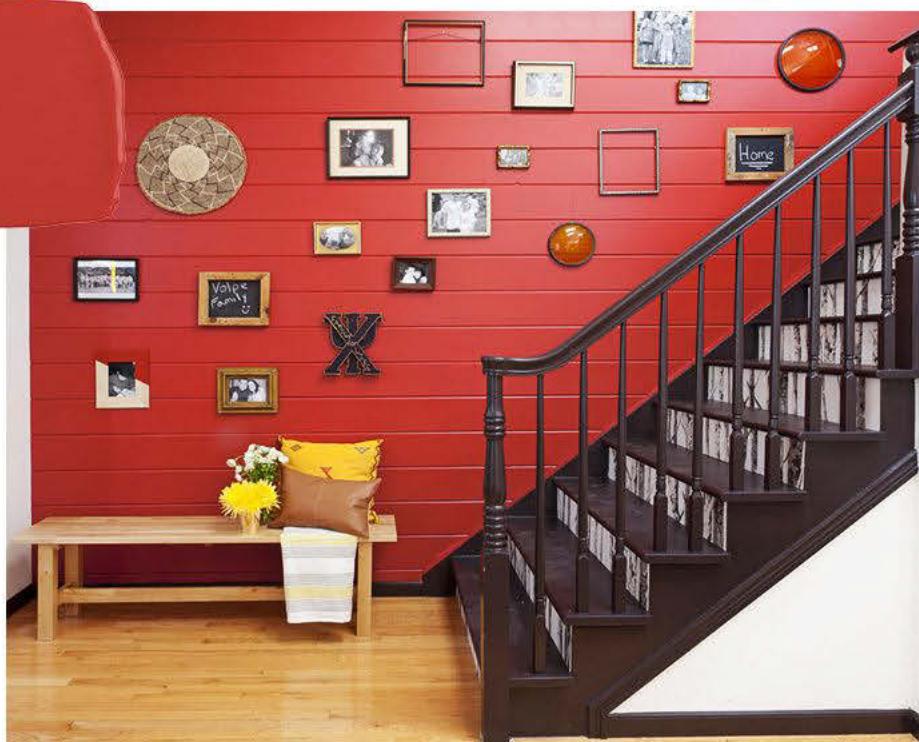
green lane

BY GLIDDEN

"I nicknamed this color Kermit the Frog green! It's fun, it puts a smile on everyone's face, and it's friendly to both boys and girls, which is what you want in a shared playroom. I love to use it on the inside of bookcases because it makes simple IKEA shelves like these look pricey."

—Kate Riley, blogger, *Centsational Girl*, Petaluma, CA

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gala pink

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

"A dated yellowish finish wasn't doing this consignment store dresser any favors. This vivacious pink—part bubble gum, part magenta—emphasizes its curves."

—Heidi Stukenberg, Lily Field Furniture, Rockford, IL



dusty plum

BY KELLY-MOORE

"All the amazing details in this bathroom—the beadboard, the millwork, the window fretwork—were getting lost against white walls. This pale lilac lets them stand out without stealing the show, and the color ties in with the purples in the adjoining bedroom."

—Amanda L. Reid, Mandarina Studio, Boston, MA



kendall charcoal

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"I took a hint from my clients' Texas roots for this slate wall. It highlights the silver of the metal steer and makes the Southwestern print on the beds pop."

—Dana Hugo, J&O Studio, Avon, CO



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babouche

BY FARROW & BALL

"It looks picture-perfect, but this dining room doubles as a homework spot for the homeowner's kids. I wanted it to feel really inviting and upbeat, and this sunflower shade cranks up the happy."

—Julie Goldman, J. Latter Design, Los Angeles, CA



indian bead

BY GLIDDEN

"My client had just returned from a Mediterranean holiday when we started redoing her home office. Can you tell the vivid blues of the waters inspired us? This color is a stunner, though it's probably best in small doses. Try it in a bathroom or a small bedroom."

—Emily Rudo, Armonia Decors, Los Angeles, CA



radicchio

BY BEHR

"Once it was painted a vivid violet, this flea market armoire instantly transformed the living room. The space was very subdued, with quiet grays, and this gave it a jolt of energy."

—Maren Wirths, Matahina Interior Styling, Cologne, Germany



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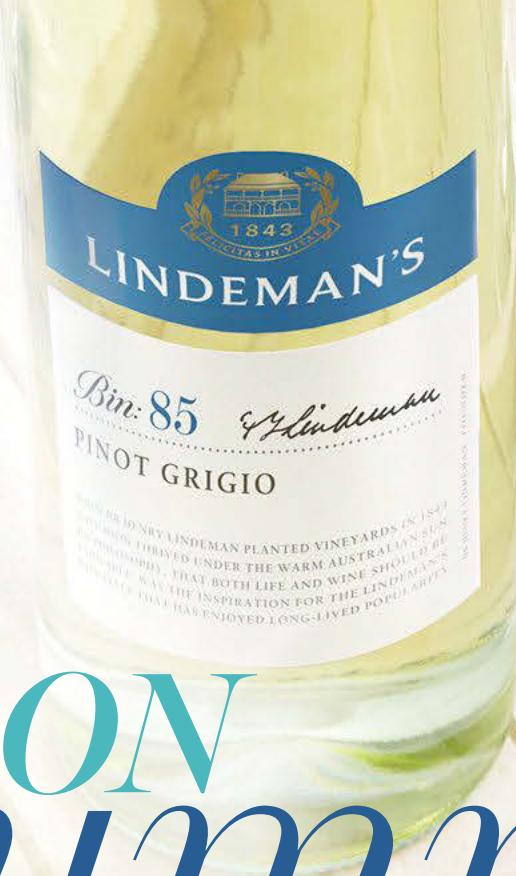
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Holt 25"-tall ceramic lamp with shade,
lampsplus.com

\$180

Try this small-scale pattern on the inside of a bookcase.

Jennifer Colucci
Large Colorful Striped
Leaves wallpaper
(sold individually;
price is for three
12' single rolls),
spoonflower.com



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This wallpaper features a cheery pattern by designer Orla Kiely.

Multi Stem wallpaper,
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33' single roll),
wallpaperdirect.com



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Holds nearly 10 cups of birdseed—that's like an all-they-can-eat buffet.

Bistro 11½"H x 10"-diameter stoneware and aluminum bird feeder in goldenrod yellow, jschatz.com



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A similar look, but you'll need to refill this skinnier metal feeder more often.

Perky-Pet 14¾"H x 5½"-diameter bird feeder in yellow, walmart.com

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Similar simple lines, slightly more petite size.

Deluna 84"-wide polyester sofa in lucky platinum, joybird.com



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An exposed base is a nice finishing touch.

Ainsley 90"-wide polyester sofa in dove, mgbwhome.com

\$472

Made from top-notch Limoges porcelain, with a gold-plated rim.

Raynaud Cristobal Coral 5"-diameter bowls (sold individually; price is for 4), jungleeny.com



\$32

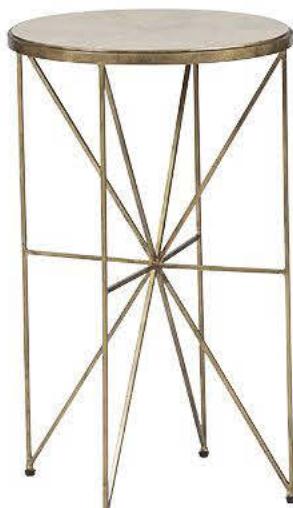
Dig in to summer greens served from this coral-print bowl.

Set of 4 Coral 5½"-diameter porcelain bowls, zgallerie.com

\$70

A nearly identical gold base with a cost-cutting black pressboard top.

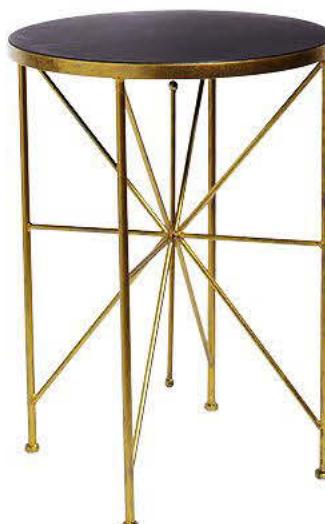
24"H x 18"-diameter metal table, HomeGoods stores



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With an intricate base and a faux-horn top, this table is très chic.

Gabby Nina 23¾"H x 14½"-diameter metal table, laylagrayce.com



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Jack 43"-tall cotton counter stool in lucky leaf marine and java finish, mainecottage.com



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Uptown Crowley 44"-tall barstool in blue, target.com



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Handwoven by artisans in India, this cotton pick is reversible.

Jordan 8' x 10' rug in hot pink and pink, madelineweinrib.com



\$539

Similar graphic pink diamonds on a hooked rug

Claudia 7'6" x 9'6" polyester rug, nuloom.com



\$99

This bright yellow outdoor pillow will perk up any porch or patio.

Comwell 18" x 18" polyester pillow in yellow, froghilldesigns.net



\$30

A stitched Greek-key design makes this one look pricey.

Greek Key 17" x 17" polyester pillow in honey, pier1.com



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Genesis E-310 stainless steel 3-burner gas grill in copper finish, weber.com for stores



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Dyna-Glo stainless steel gas grill in burnished bronze finish, homedepot.com



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Parrot cast-aluminum corkscrew in green, store.alessi.com



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Parrot metal corkscrew, wayfair.com



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An MDF top and pedestal lower the price.

Blanca 47 3/4"-diameter dining table, worldmarket.com

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Silicone handles won't get chipped or scratched.

Villeroy & Boch S+ stainless steel 20-piece flatware set, macy's.com



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An easy, super-cheerful dinner table update.

Cambridge Silversmiths Fiesta stainless steel flatware (price is for 4 place settings, sold individually), bedbathandbeyond.com



\$1,295

So comfy with those two pillows.

Cobble Hill Hollywood 46"-diameter velvet swivel chair in blue, abchome.com

\$699

A tight back makes this swivel sleek.

Otis 32"-diameter velvet swivel chair in vance indigo, roomandboard.com



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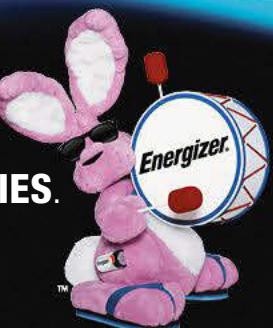
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FLOWERS Poppies in various shades of orange

VASE Zingz & Thingz Wild Azaleas 9" H x 8"-diameter glass vase, \$79, wayfair.com





keep your flowers looking good

- Use lukewarm water rather than cold to encourage flowers to open more quickly.
- Never stick cut blooms in direct sun—they will wilt.
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VASE Striped 9½"H x 5"-diameter ceramic vase in black, \$85, emiliaceramics.com

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a black-and-
white vase



FLOWERS Lavender sweet peas

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sea glass

For a mellow sand-and-sea vibe, style your space with sea glass-inspired accessories, like the lamps in this laid-back living room. You can find the green blue hue on everything from doorknobs to vases.

knob

Flower 2"-diameter glass knob in sea foam green, \$8, lowpricedoorknobs.com



lamp

Crystal Cascade 26"-tall glass lamp in emerald with shade, \$159, lampsplus.com



vase

Hobnail 8 1/2"H x 5"-diameter glass hurricane in dark teal, \$30, westelm.com



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cabana stripes

Nothing says *seaside* like wide stripes. Blue paired with white is the best-known duo, but crisp white alternating with almost any color delivers beachiness, too. The freshest way to do the pattern? With furniture, including poufs and painted chests.



chair

Spencer chair
in canopy stripe
kiwi and sand
Sunbrella, \$1,174,
ballarddesigns.com

rug

Alvina 5' x 8' cotton rug in
yellow, \$159, nuloom.com



dresser

Coast to Coast Imports 3-Drawer
29 1/4" W x 13" D x 40" H MDF and
wood chest, \$460, wayfair.com



pouf

Fresh American Trimaran
Stripe 25" W x 23" D x
17" H polypropylene
pouf in tangerine, \$199,
dashandalbert.com



pillow

Blue Ocean Shell
12" x 16" hooked
cotton pillow, \$44,
beachdecorshop.com



wall hook

Sand Dollar 3" W x
4 1/2"-tall cast-iron
hook in turquoise,
\$12, bytheseashoredecor.etsy.com



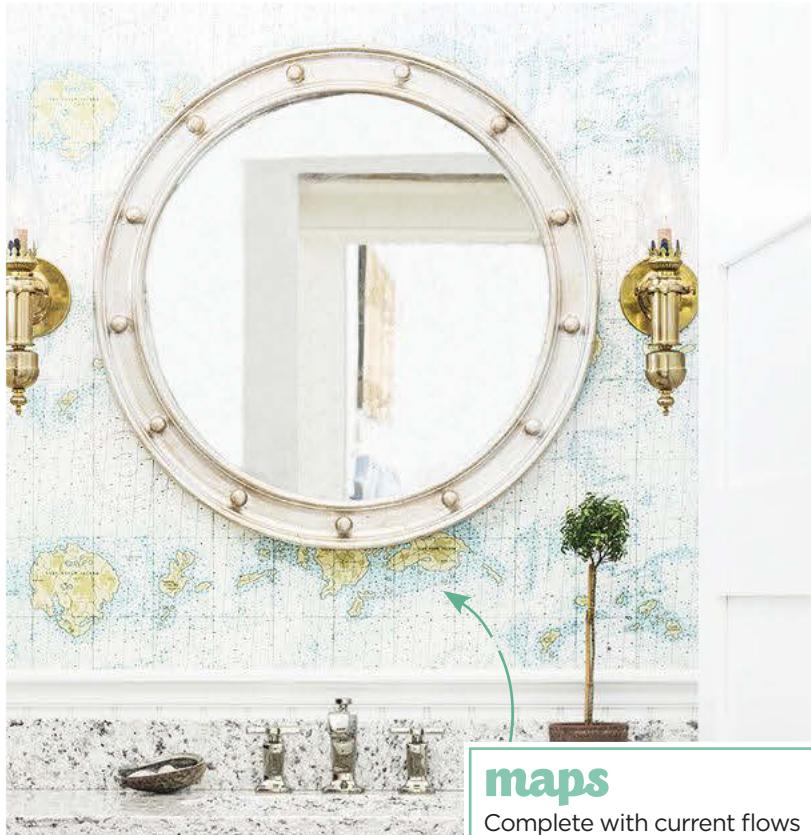
bookends

Nautilus 10"-tall resin bookends,
\$52.50, casa.com



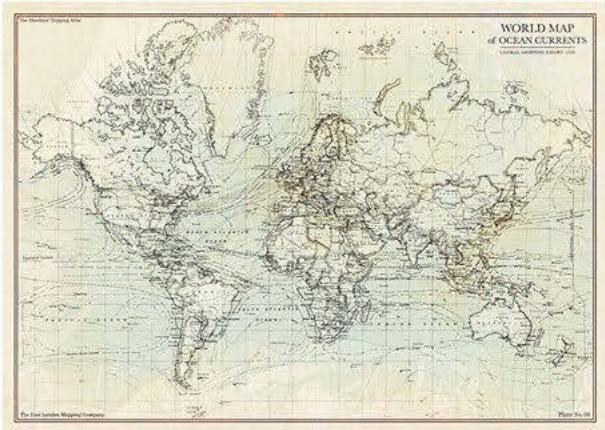
rug

Jaipur Coastal
Sand Dollar 5' x 8'
polypropylene rug,
\$345, rugstudio.com



maps

Complete with current flows and depth measurements, detailed nautical charts create a hoist-the-sails feel. You can go big with map-inspired wallpaper or show one off a smaller way, such as with a tray or a night-light's lampshade.



art

Ocean Current Map I
20" x 27" print, \$40, art.com

night-light

Cape Cod Chart
4" W x 4 1/4"-tall paper and
metal night-light, \$30,
theorangechairstudio.com



tray

Custom Nautical Chart
13 3/4" x 13 3/4" mango
wood tray, \$75, shop.nationalgeographic.com

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chandelier

Feiss Urban Renewal 28½"-diameter zinc chandelier in dark antique brass finish, \$557, homedepot.com



lamp

EC World Imports Urban Nautical 29"-tall jute-blend lamp with shade, \$115, wayfair.com



lamp

Nautical Trawler 23"-tall brass lantern with stand, \$140, vermontlanterns.com



pendant

Kichler Ryegate 10"W x 23¾"-tall glass and metal pendant in antique pewter finish, \$374.50, build.com



sconce

Industrial Static Topless 10"-tall aluminum sconce in blue, \$186, barnlightelectric.com



pendant

Feiss Lighthouse 13"H x 7"-diameter brushed-steel pendant, \$273, lampsplus.com

nautical lighting

Lend maritime authenticity to a room with lighting that might adorn a boat. Look for a fixture in a brass finish, an oceangoing material like jute, or a ship-inspired shape, like a lantern.



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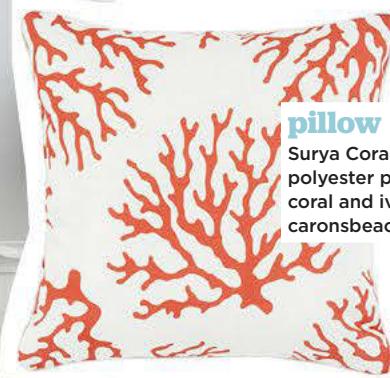
coral

You don't have to dive deep for stylish coral accents. This classic is a regular on pillows and artwork, and as a stand-alone piece. But for guilt-free decorating—lots of real corals are protected—stick with look-alike replicas.



frame

Round Coral 3"-diameter tin frame, \$20, zarahome.com



pillow

Surya Coral 16" x 16" polyester pillow in coral and ivory, \$54, caronsbeachhouse.com



lamp

Safavieh Coral Branch 28"-tall lamps with shades, \$145 for a set of 2, wayfair.com



bowl

Coral 6"-diameter glass bowl in opaque turquoise, \$58, uneekglassfusions.com

art

Sea Coral 8" x 10" unframed prints in turquoise and coral, \$23 for a mixed set of 2, beachhousegallery.etsy.com



rug

Coral 5' x 7'6" wool rug, \$499, homedecorators.com



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driftwood
Whether real or faux (genuine washed-ashore finds are pricier), driftwood adds the perfect barefoot-casual touch. Try a coffee table with the patina of shipwreck salvage, a mirror that recalls wind-weathered fish shacks, or Captain Ahab-worthy artwork.

mirror
22" x 27" driftwood mirror, \$169, shadesoflight.com

wall color
Great Harbour by Ralph Lauren Paint

wall art
12" x 20 3/4" driftwood whale, \$55, mermaidsmasterpiece.etsy.com

coffee table
20"H x 36"-diameter driftwood table, \$724, blisshomeanddesign.com

blue paint
The easiest way to fake a beachy feel: Paint the walls one of these water-inspired blues. Mediterranean Blue is like island-hopping off the Amalfi Coast, Ocean View recalls a Cape Cod cottage, and Deep Blue Sea evokes the Mexican Riviera.

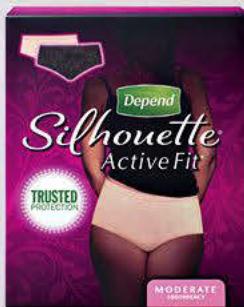
lamp
17 3/4"H x 7"-diameter driftwood lamp, \$60, and shade, \$20, both worldmarket.com



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basket

18"H x 20"-diameter
seagrass basket, \$88,
serenaandlily.com



barstool

Milo Swivel 30"-tall
seagrass barstool,
\$259, grandinroad.com



coffee table

46 1/4"W x 29"D x 17"H seagrass
coffee table in honey, \$599,
potterybarn.com



seagrass

Even if you live in a landlocked cul-de-sac home, you'll swear you're relaxing at a tropical retreat with breezy seagrass furniture and accessories. Renewable and sustainable, this all-natural material layers in organic texture reminiscent of swaying palms and grass skirts.

anchors

Get rooms shipshape with fun anchor accents like an all-hands-on-deck doormat, a salty lampshade, yacht-worthy plates, and a shower curtain as graphic as a signal flag.



doormat

Liora Manné Anchor 2' x 3' polyester-blend
doormat in navy, \$42, thosbaker.com



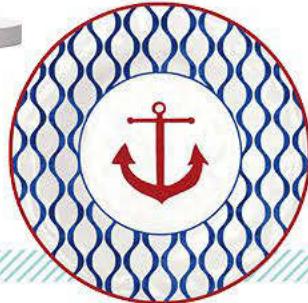
lamp

Nautical Boat
Anchor Pattern 20"H x
7"-diameter metal lamp
with shade in navy
blue, \$47, zazzle.com



wall hook

Two's Company
Anchor 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" iron
hook in blue, \$22.50,
madisonavegifts.com



plate

Merritt High Tide
11"-diameter melamine
plates, \$110 for a set
of 6, homeandpatio
decorcenter.com

shower curtain

Andrea Victoria Ahoy Anchors
polyester shower curtain, \$89,
denydesigns.com



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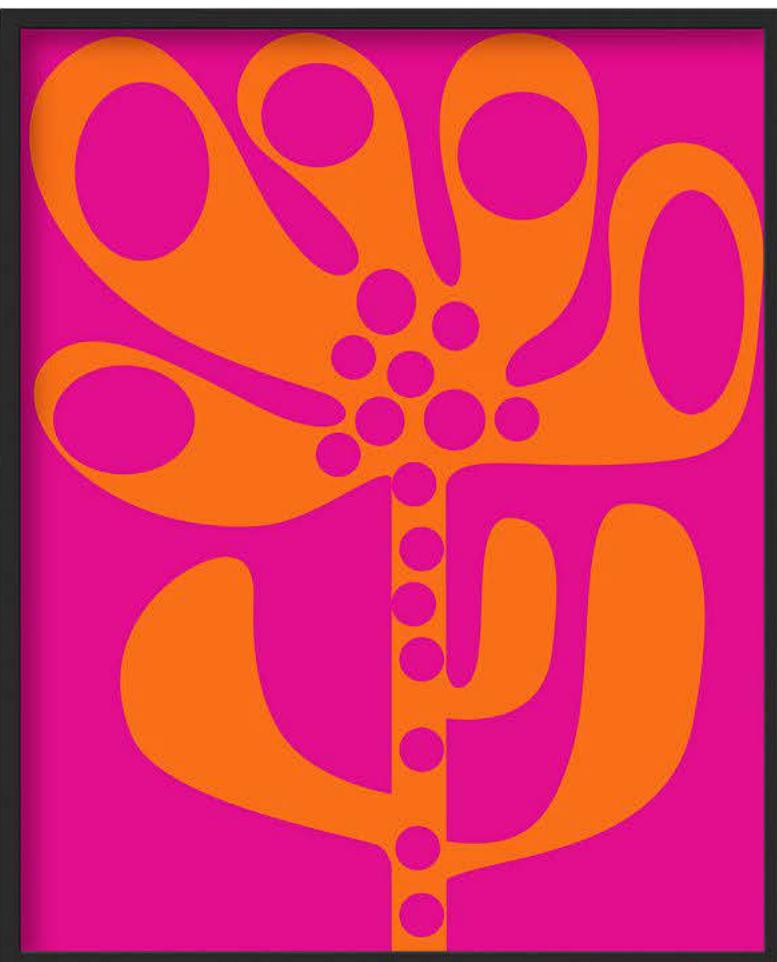
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print, \$45, joreyhurley.etsy.com*



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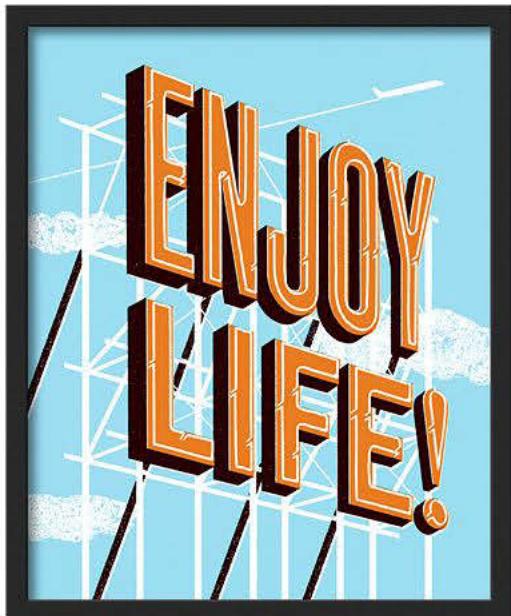
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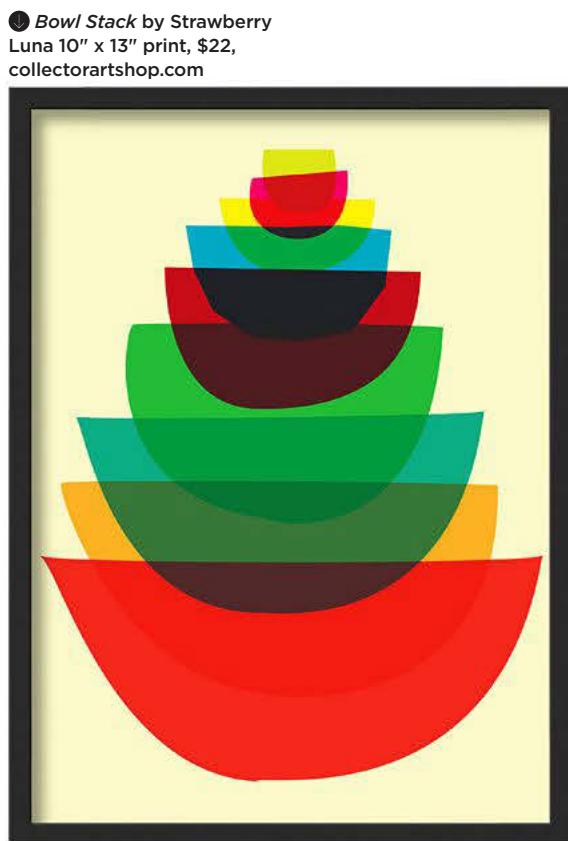
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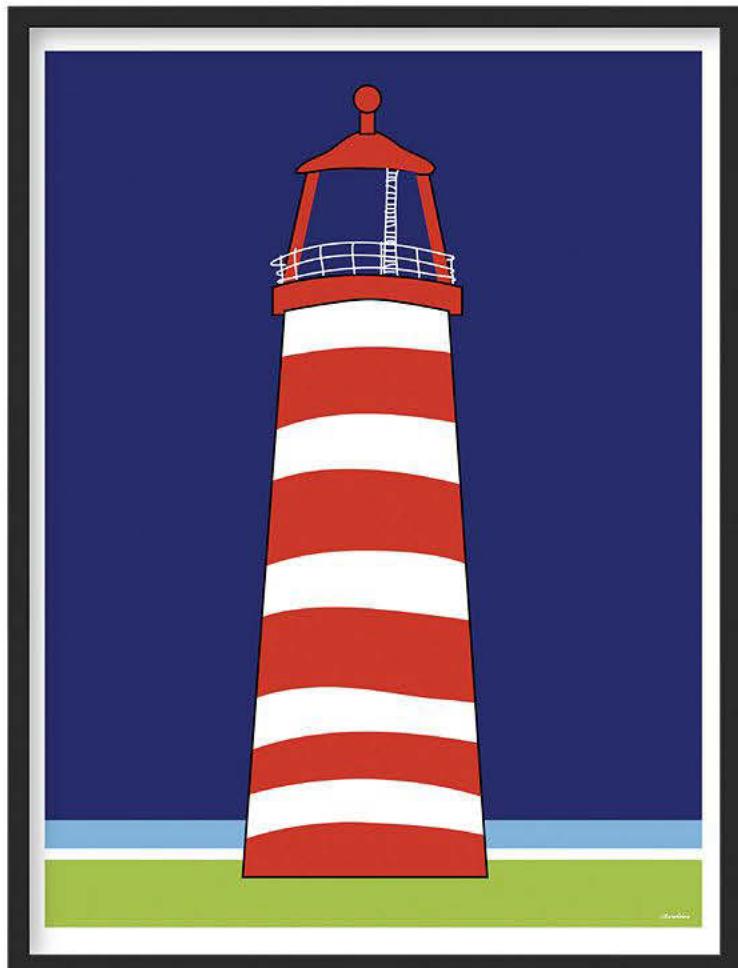
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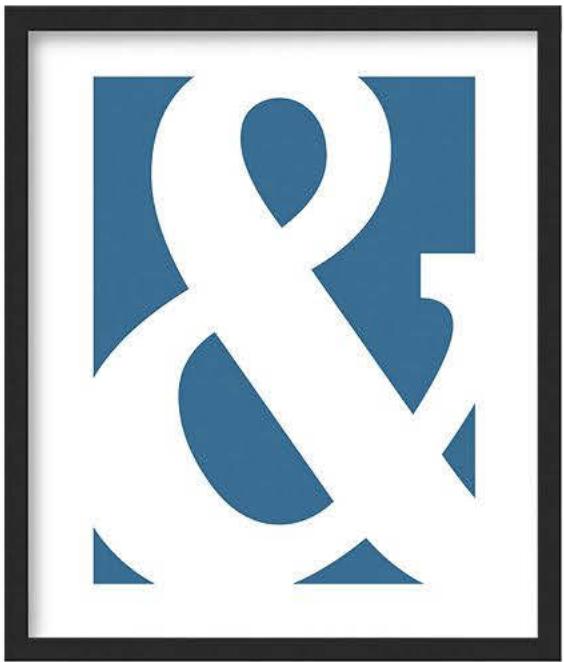
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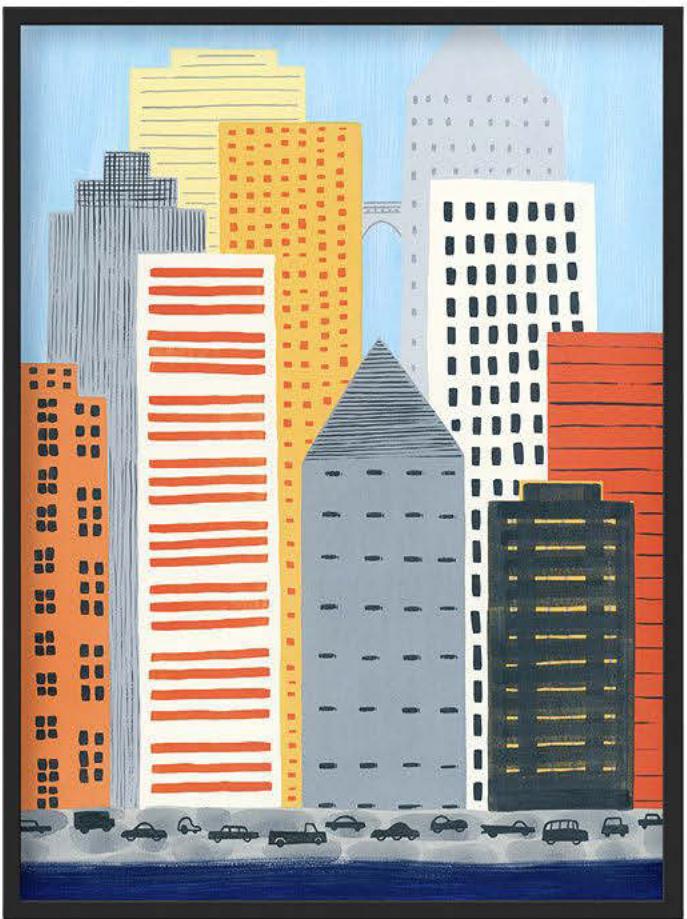
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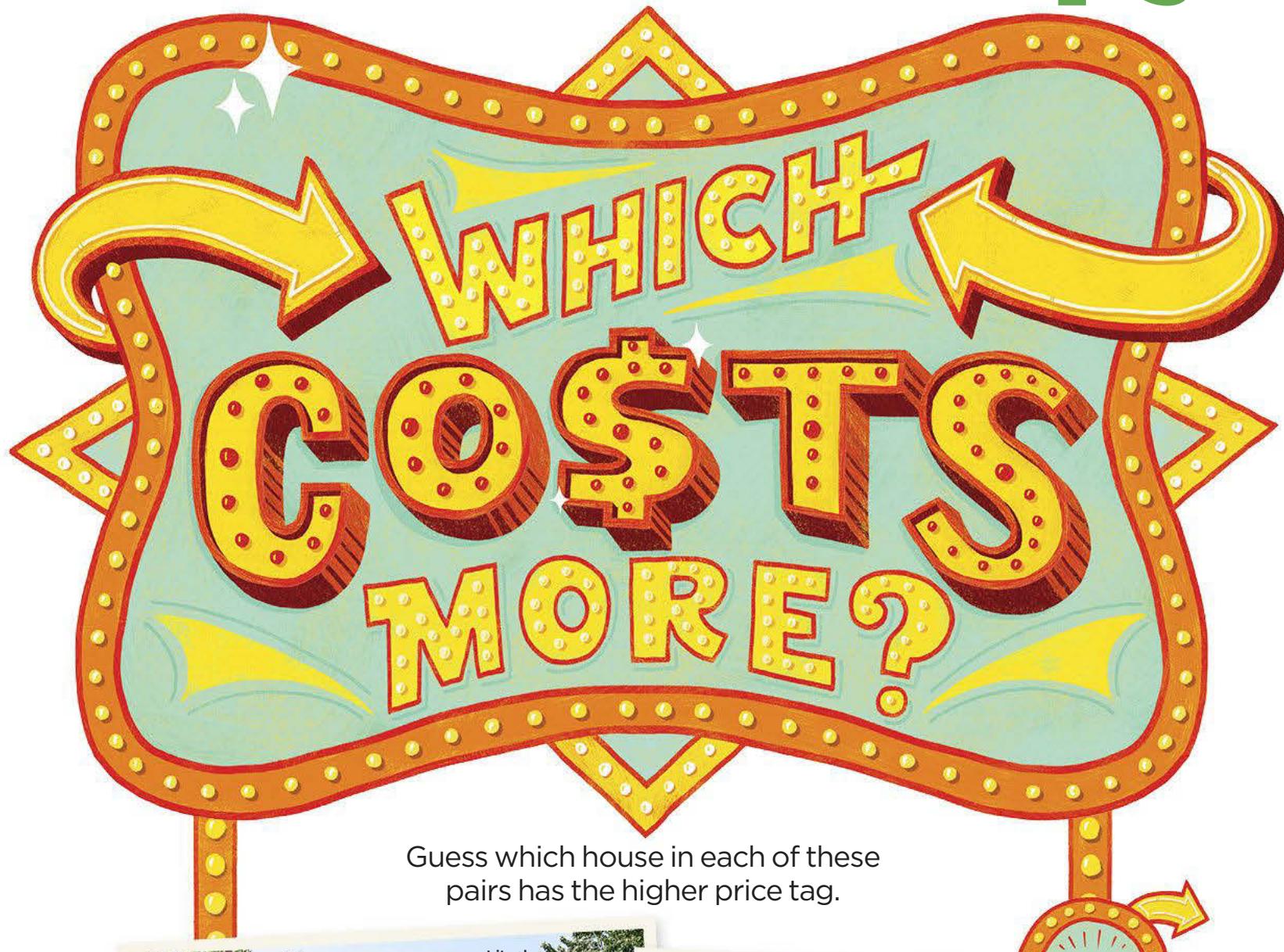


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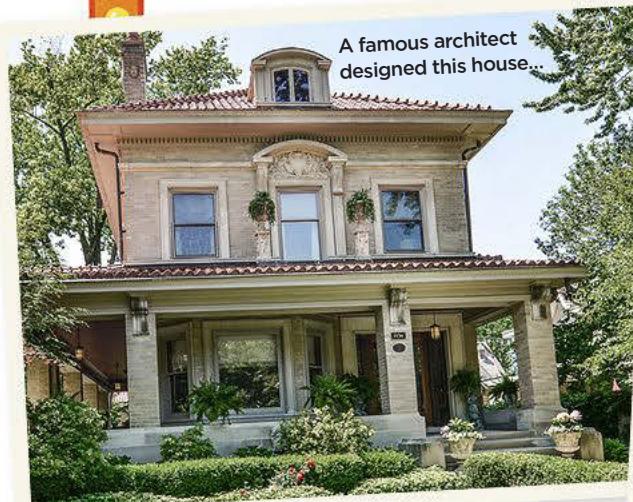


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Evanston, IL

5 BR, 3½ BA, 4,892 sq. ft., built in 1903

A wraparound **porch**, the original **oak staircase**, and new **windows**. Designed by Horatio R. Wilson, one of the area's most well-known architects.

AGENT: Michael Thomas, The Thomas Team

Newton, MA

5 BR, 3½ BA, 5,010 sq. ft., built in 1900

Built-in cabinets and **surround sound** in the living room, **granite** kitchen counters, a spacious **third story**, and a **pool** in the backyard.

AGENT: Joan Sullivan, Hammond Residential Real Estate

BEACH BUNGALOWS



Surf City, NC

3 BR, 2 BA, 1,280 sq. ft., built in 2002

Decks off the front and the back, **double front doors**, a **light-filled** living area, and **parking** for four cars. Walking distance to the **beach**.

AGENT: Della Carson, Century 21 Action!

Tampa, FL

3 BR, 2 BA, 1,586 sq. ft., built in 1918

A wide **front porch**, **bamboo floors** throughout the living area, and **new kitchen appliances**. Recently **repainted** inside and out.

AGENT: Andrew Duncan, The Duncan Duo at RE/MAX

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHARMERS



Seattle, WA

4 BR, 3½ BA, 2,610 sq. ft., built in 1926

An updated kitchen with **custom cherry cabinets** and a **built-in pantry**, and a spa-like bathroom with a **glassed-in shower**. Located on a **quiet street**.

AGENT: Scott Whaley, Windermere Real Estate

Portland, OR

4 BR, 2½ BA, 2,624 sq. ft., built in 1925

Newly painted interior and exterior, a large **formal dining room** with built-ins, and a big backyard with a shed and a **detached garage**.

AGENT: Charles Buck, Soldera Properties

COLLEGE TOWN RIVALS



Columbus, OH

4 BR, 2½ BA, 3,520 sq. ft., built in 2003

A **first-floor office**, a partially **vaulted ceiling** in the family room, a finished **basement**, and a **fenced-in backyard** with a patio.

AGENT: Gledhill Robbins and Talis Group, HER Realtors

Ann Arbor, MI

4 BR, 4 BA, 3,386 sq. ft., built in 1949

A **breakfast bar** in the kitchen, a great room with **wall-to-wall windows** overlooking the backyard, and a mudroom with **built-in cubbies** and hooks.

AGENT: Colleen Hood, Charles Reinhart Company Realtors

SOUTHERN COTTAGES



Atlanta, GA

3 BR, 2 BA, 2,282 sq. ft., built in 1940

A fully renovated interior, **exposed brick** walls, and **hardwood floors** throughout. Walking distance to a **playground** and a **public pool**.

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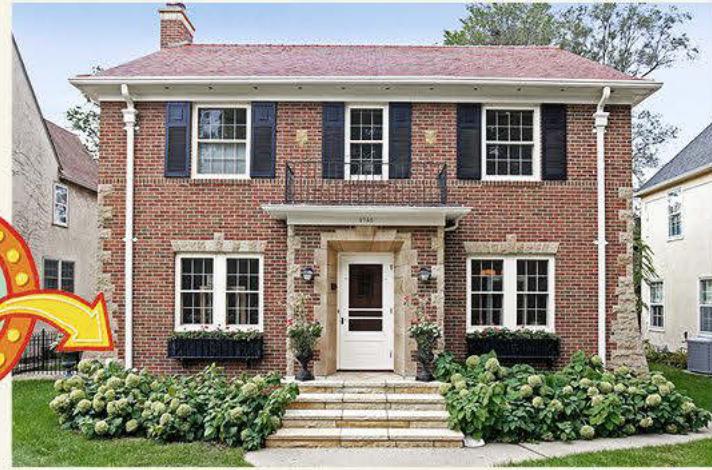
Nashville, TN

3 BR, 2 BA, 1,998 sq. ft., built in 1940

The original **fireplace**, refinished **hardwood floors**, and **new appliances**. A short drive to **downtown restaurants**.

AGENT: Brad Reynolds, Keller Williams

MIDWEST COLONIALS



Omaha, NE

4 BR, 3 BA, 2,124 sq. ft., built in 1992

New **windows**, an eat-in kitchen with **ceramic tile floors**, and a master suite with a sitting area, a **jetted tub**, and dual vanities.

AGENT: Tom Smith, NP Dodge Real Estate

Minneapolis, MN

4 BR, 2 BA, 2,906 sq. ft., built in 1929

A **sunroom** off the living area with French doors and a stained **beadboard ceiling**, ample **counter space** in the kitchen, and a **finished basement**.

AGENT: Jane Wolf, Coldwell Banker



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Santa Fe, NM

3 BR, 2 BA, 1,318 sq. ft., built in 1979

Mountain views, an open living room with an **exposed-beam ceiling**, and **drought-resistant landscaping** in the front and back yards.

AGENT: Sam Escobedo, Santa Fe Properties

Phoenix, AZ

3 BR, 2½ BA, 1,352 sq. ft., built in 2004

An **eat-in kitchen** with storage in the **center island**, a **second-floor laundry** area, and a master bedroom with a **walk-in closet**.

AGENT: Paula Cotton, Beacon Property Solutions

WARM-WEATHER RANCHERS



San Diego, CA

2 BR, 2 BA, 1,377 sq. ft., built in 1965

Floor-to-ceiling windows in the living room, an all-white kitchen with a **double-bowl sink**, and a **covered patio** overlooking the backyard.

AGENT: George Lorimer, RE/MAX Solutions

Austin, TX

3 BR, 2 BA, 1,556 sq. ft., built in 1963

A **newly remodeled** interior, **updated flooring and paint**, and an open living room/kitchen with a **curved breakfast bar**.

AGENT: Grayson Smith, Twelve Rivers Realty

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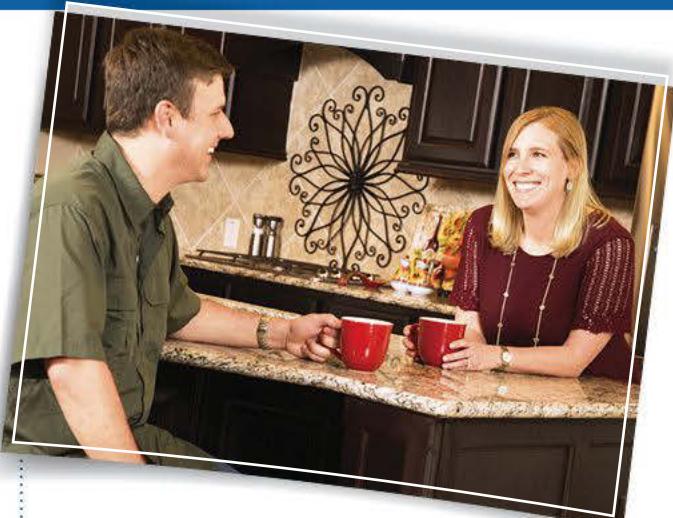
"Building your own home is exciting! Not only do you get to choose the layout, but you can choose the lot to build on."

- Matt & Marissa

MATT AND MARISSA

enjoyed seeing their vision come to life as their new home was built. Thanks to the **Rate Cap Program**, they had peace of mind in knowing their final mortgage rate was never in danger of going up. Now they are settled in and enjoying a home that suits all of their needs—and has room for Macy to roam free. "This house is something we built together and we plan on staying here for a very long time," says Matt.

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Why it's important to lock in a rate

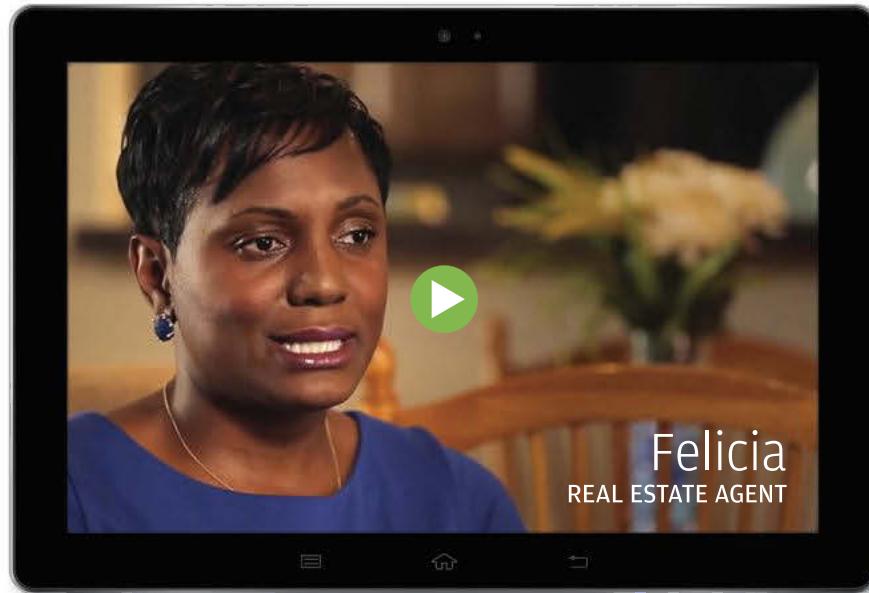
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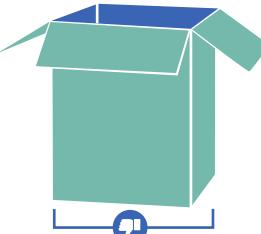
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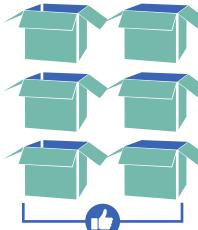
Don't break the bank—or your back—transporting your possessions to a new home. Here, insider tips for a pain-free move.

big or little boxes?



"Lots of little boxes are better than a few big boxes. People tend to overload big boxes, which makes them tough to lift. As a general rule, the heavier the box, the smaller it should be."

—Jack Griffin, president and COO of Atlas Van Lines



83.8%

Percentage of Americans who moved between 2013 and 2014 but stayed within the same state.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

get a few quotes

"Try for three estimates before settling on a moving company, and rule out the guys who will give you a quote only over the phone—you want an in-person visit. During the look-see, make sure they inspect the garage and attic before quoting you a price. Be wary of lowball estimates, and get it all in writing. And never hire a mover unless you check out protectyourmove.gov first. It has a database of reputable companies and a list of scammers to avoid."

—Kurt Larson, spokesperson for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



“Never, ever pack a box that weighs more than 50 pounds. Movers are strong, but even the Hulk with a hand truck has limits.”

—Jack Griffin, president and COO of Atlas Van Lines

crunch numbers

"You can pay movers by the hour or a flat day rate. By the hour is riskier. If anything goes wrong and there are delays, costs can soar. But it's usually the cheaper choice if everything runs smoothly."

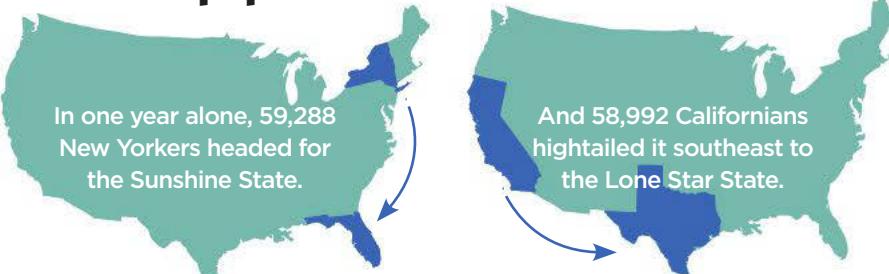
—Sperry Hutchinson, U-Haul International moving and product expert



“Consider buying additional insurance coverage. Without it a moving company is only required to reimburse you 60 cents per pound—that’s \$18 for a brand-new 30-pound TV.”

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most popular state-to-state moves



Source: U.S. Census Bureau data for 2011



“Hydrated movers are happiest, so have a ‘help yourself’ cooler with water and sports drinks within reach.”

—Dawn Kroeger, spokesperson for Two Men and a Truck

closet smarts

“Don’t bother packing your clothes or even taking them off the hangers. Instead use wardrobe boxes and transfer your garments into those. It’s a more expensive way to go but also much less hassle.”

—Scott Michael, president and CEO of the American Moving & Storage Association

7,935
pounds

Average total weight packed up for a move by a family in the United States.
Source: American Moving & Storage Association

buy in bulk

“Stockpile way more boxes, paper, and packing tape than you think you’ll need. You can always return what you don’t use, but if you run short the day of and purchase supplies from the moving guys, the markup can be astronomical.”

—Sperry Hutchinson, U-Haul International moving and product expert



handling overflow

“Realize on moving day that you can’t take everything with you? If you just don’t have room for that gas grill or sofa, ask the movers if they’d like first dibs on the stuff. It’s one of the perks of the job.”

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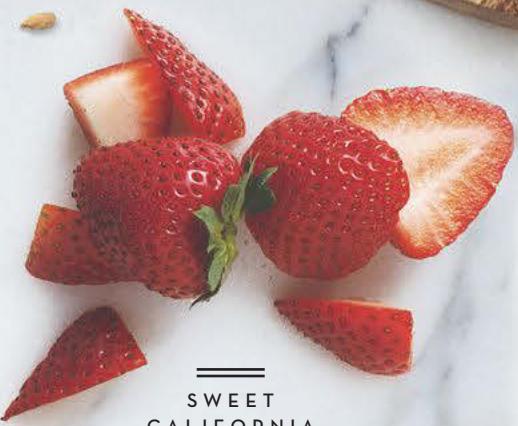
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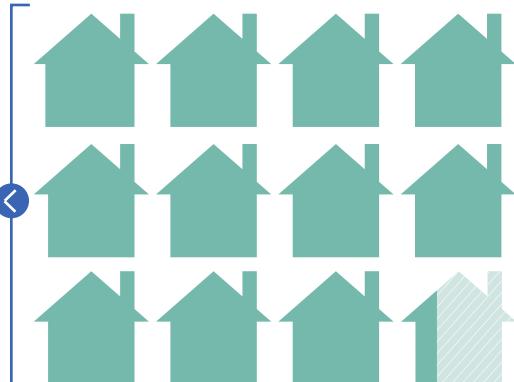
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—Pamela Muller, cofounder of moving planning company NouvelleView

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The number of times the average American moves in his or her lifetime.

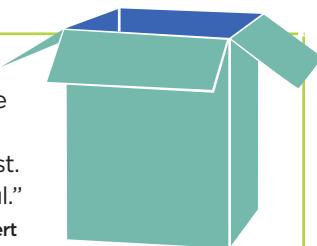
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



save on boxes

"Lots of homeowners don't know they can score free moving boxes at any U-Haul center. The boxes are used, but they're in good shape—and at 100% no cost. After the move, you can drop off the boxes at U-Haul."

—Sperry Hutchinson, U-Haul International moving and product expert



35.7 million

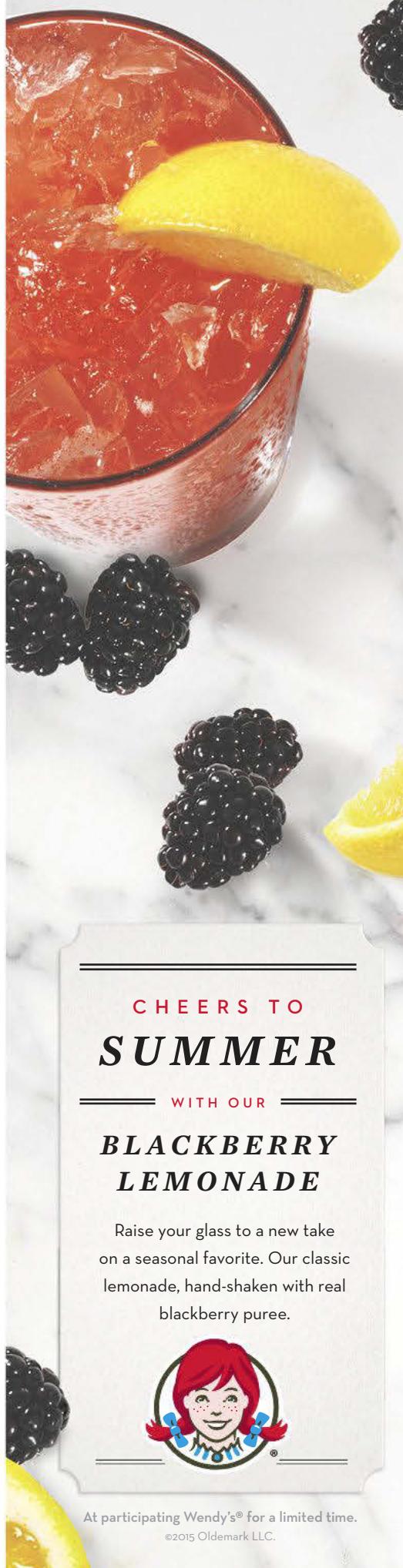
Number of Americans—about one in nine—who moved between 2013 and 2014.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



“ Your dog and cat are cute, but on moving day they can be stress messes—with claws and teeth. To keep everyone safe, drop them at day care or a friend's place. The same goes for little kids. ”

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about the house

BUILT IN: 1928 **BOUGHT IN:** 1990 **SIZE:** 1,850 sq. ft.

"We didn't like the outside of this house at first. The porch was screened in, the paint colors drab, and the shrubs overgrown. But as we've painted it and added new plants, the exterior has become our favorite part." —Sally and Joe Monaghan, homeowners



Essex County, New Jersey

copy the curb appeal

These eye-catching houses are loaded with inspiring ideas.

ideas to steal



hanging baskets

Wave petunias overflow from pots suspended from the porch ceiling. Their light purple color complements the darker petunias on the steps.

paint colors

HOUSE:
Deep Reservoir
by Dunn-Edwards

TRIM:
Whisper by
Dunn-Edwards

DOORS, SHUTTERS, AND
DECORATIVE TRIM:
Crossroads by Dunn-Edwards

The Monaghans didn't even realize these steps were curved until they ripped out some old shrubs after moving in. They love the semicircle shape.



front door

This house has two doors. The one on the right is the main entry, and the one on the left opens to the dining room.

1515 primed poplar door, from \$289,
roguevalleydoor.com for stores;
paint: Crossroads by Dunn-Edwards



chairs and pillows

Big wicker seats with cushions and striped outdoor pillows make the porch extra comfy.

Summerlin lounge chair with cushion in rose Sunbrella, \$814, crateandbarrel.com



house numbers

Brass digits gleam against the navy siding and pick up the warm tones of the tan doors and shutters.

9067 4 3/4"-tall house numbers in lifetime polished brass, from \$23 each, baldwinhardware.com for stores



shutters

Only a few homes in the neighborhood still have their original moon-cutout shutters. This style would add charm to a newer home too.

Atlantic Premium 36" x 14" fiberglass shutters with moon cutouts, from \$550 for 2, atlanticpremiumshutters.com for stores; paint: Crossroads by Dunn-Edwards



flower pots

Terra-cotta pots filled with dark purple wave petunias and black-eyed Susan bring color to the front steps.

Striped terra-cotta 10 1/2"H x 12"-diameter urn, \$48, shopterrain.com



about the house

BUILT IN: 1929

BOUGHT IN: 1997

SIZE: 2,060 sq. ft.

"Our home's stacked shape drew us in from the curb. It's interesting yet simple. Since we changed the color from boring beige to mossy green, it looks even better." —Danielle and Tom Foley, homeowners

ideas to steal

**light fixture**

A small arts-and-crafts-style sconce mimics the clean lines of the house.

Thomas Lighting Mission 5½"W x 7½"D x 10½"H wall sconce in matte black, \$76, lumens.com

Two types of siding, clapboard on the lower level and cedar shingles on the upper floors, emphasize the home's height.

**door handle**

Its polished brass finish matches the shiny kickplate.

Schlage Plymouth double-cylinder handleset in polished brass, \$128.50, build.com

**flower bed**

The yard gets its cheerful, cottage-like look from a mix of flower types and colors, including (clockwise from top) red geraniums, white impatiens, and orange marigolds along the border, and black-eyed Susan and purple coneflowers closer to the foundation.

**front door**

After 13 years with an off-white door, the Foleys bought a new fiberglass one and painted it red orange to make it stand out against the siding.

Encompass by Pella 6-panel steel door, from \$306, pella.com for stores; paint: Woodlawn Salsa by Valspar

**mailbox**

The spacious black mailbox mounted to the left of the door doubles as an address plaque—clever!

Capitol personalized wall mailbox in black/gold, from \$226, whitehallproducts.com for stores

paint colors

HOUSE:
Irish Paddock
by Valspar

TRIM AND SHUTTERS:
Pale Bloom by Valspar

FRONT DOOR:
Woodlawn Salsa
by Valspar

**door knocker**

The lion's head knocker adds an old-school touch.

"Our bell was always breaking, so I got this as a fun alternative," says Danielle.

Lion door knocker in burnished antique, \$139, rejuvenation.com

The third floor, which contains a master bedroom with an attached office, is a major plus inside and out, enhancing the home's stature from the street.

**flowerpots**

Attractive celosia in a mix of bright colors—hot pink, red, and yellow—burst from the glazed planters that flank the top step.

Dark bluish grey glazed ficonstone 10 ¾"H x 12 ½"-diameter pot, \$30, jamaligarden.com

about the house

BUILT IN: 1930

BOUGHT IN: 1986

SIZE: 1,928 sq. ft.

“Over the nearly three decades we've lived here, our home has gone from the ugly duckling on the block—with pink awnings and rusty posts—to a swan.” —Dinah and Andrew Lyktey, homeowners



ideas to steal

**mailbox**

The tarnished silver finish of the mailbox fits in with the house's calming colors.

Special Lite SHH-1006 horizontal cast-aluminum mailbox in Swedish silver, \$52.50, atgstores.com

paint colors

HOUSE:
Crisp Linen White
by Glidden

TRIM:
Deep Blue Shadow
by Glidden

**landscaping**

Dinah turned the yard into a vibrant, thriving garden that features (clockwise from top left) red New Guinea impatiens, blue salvia, red verbena, and Limelight hydrangea.

A weeping cherry tree—the focal point of the colorful yard—blooms pink flowers every spring.

**front door**

The Lykteys have painted their door, which features three small windows, everything from pink to teal. Recently they stripped it and stained it mahogany for a natural look.

4400 door in Douglas fir with clear glass, from \$986, roguevalleydoor.com

brackets

Scrolling iron posts and brackets frame the entry, lending a more delicate look than columns would. They're painted blue to match the trim.

Decorative Vine 10 1/4" x 11 3/4" cast-iron shelf bracket in antique iron, \$15.50, houseofantiquehardware.com

**light fixture**

A swirly hook makes this sconce look like it was made for the house.

Maxim Lighting Dover DC 19 1/2"-tall outdoor wall light in bronze, \$116, lampsplus.com

Combined with the gambrel roof, the centered brick chimney gives the house storybook charm. It's painted white to match the siding.

pavers

Their light terra-cotta color blends well with the lush green yard.



Relic 6"W x 1 3/4"D x 9"H clay paver in saltillo, \$615 per pallet, homedepot.com

**chairs and pillows**

A pair of wood chairs in the shade of the cherry tree makes a great spot for morning coffee. Blue-and-green-striped pillows add an extra splash of color.

Vifah outdoor wood armchair in brown, \$124, target.com; Loftonaire 17" x 17" polyester pillow in stripe, \$25, pier1.com



about the house

BUILT IN: 1926 BOUGHT IN: 1999 SIZE: 1,100 sq. ft.

“Our porch was practically falling apart for the first several years we lived here. When we finally gave it a facelift with new lattice, railings, and balusters, it transformed the entire house.” —Dona and Chris Wagner, homeowners

ideas to steal



light fixtures

Caged metal sconces look rustic and classic. This version also has a seeded-glass shade.

Cape Cod 7 1/4"W x 8"D x 13 1/2"H metal and glass outdoor wall lantern in sienna bronze, \$149, lampsusa.com

Three Boston ferns are suspended from the porch ceiling for a triple dose of greenery. Dona brings the plants inside during winter.



mailbox

Its streamlined shape lets it sit perfectly in the narrow spot between the door and the shutter.

Qualarc Provincial vertical mailbox in polished brass, \$215, allmodern.com

welcome-sign planter

If the house didn't feel welcoming enough already, this cute planter, filled with gloriosa daisies, spells it out.



Rainbow Garden Products 17"-tall metal blacksmith welcome planter, \$40, homedepot.com



front door

Dona painted the door cherry red. The wide glass panes on top let in light without compromising privacy.

Contours craftsman clear 6-lite external grid steel door, from \$335, jeld-wen.com for stores; paint: Heartthrob by Sherwin-Williams



doormat

The house has a subtly patriotic color scheme, so a blue-and-natural-coir doormat makes perfect sense outside the red door.

Two-toned 18" x 30" coir doormat in blue, \$28, bambe.co

paint colors

HOUSE:
Krypton by
Sherwin-Williams

TRIM:
Snowbound by
Sherwin-Williams

SHUTTERS:
Tempe Star by
Sherwin-Williams

FRONT DOOR:
Heartthrob by
Sherwin-Williams

Simple shrubs—from left, a dwarf Japanese red maple, a holly bush, and mounds of English boxwoods—balance out all the potted flowers.



potted plants

Red million bells and delicate white gaura fill the big blue pot outside the front door.

Garden Treasures 8"H x 10 1/4"-diameter ceramic indoor/outdoor planter in blue brown, \$20, lowes.com



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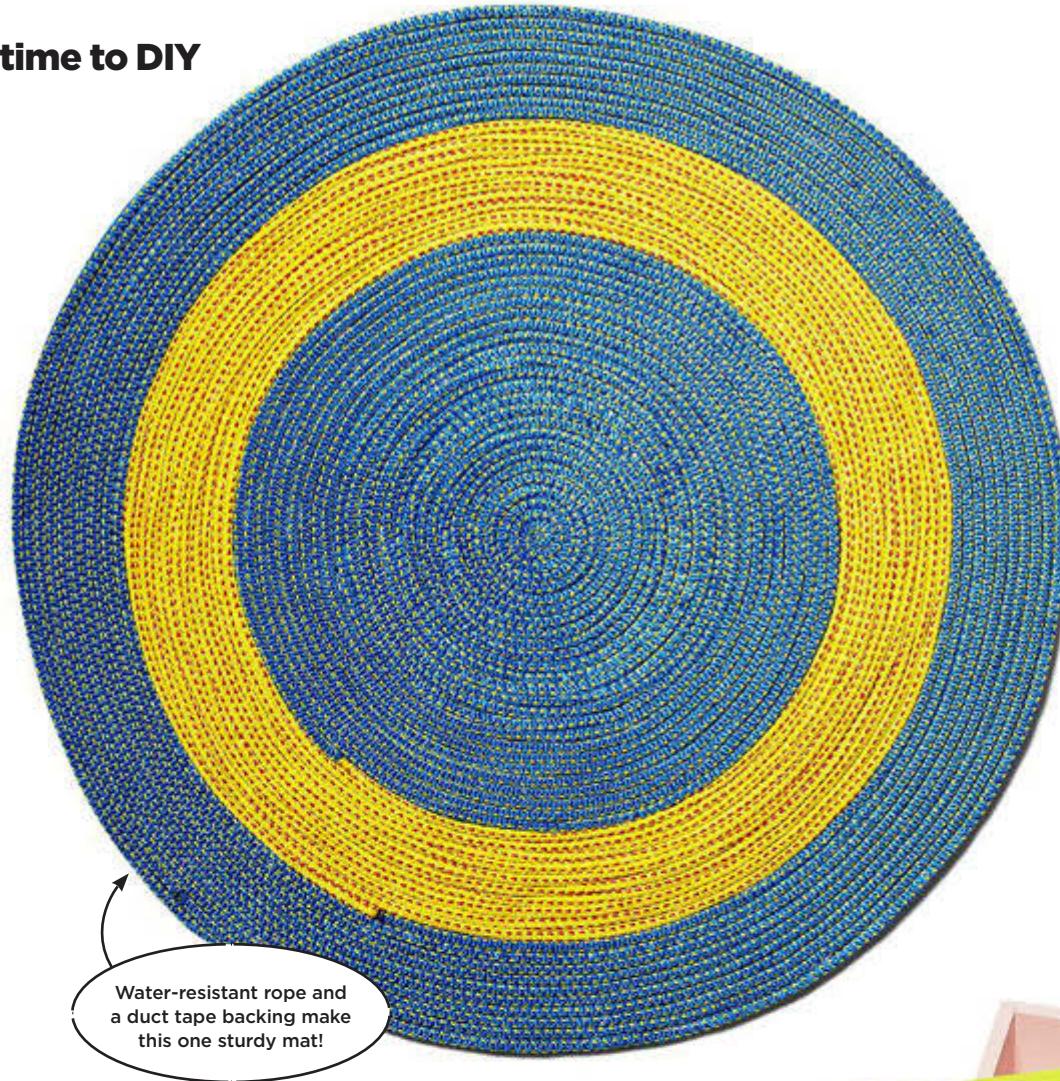
1. Flip a plastic bowl upside down, and place strips of double-sided tape on its base. Starting at the center of the base, begin coiling polyester rope (the tape will help hold it in place on the bowl). Continue coiling it around the bowl, hot-gluing the rope to itself as you go. Once you reach the bowl's rim, cut the rope, then remove the bowl and tape. Melt the rope's end with a match or a lighter so it doesn't unravel, and secure it with hot glue.

2. Paint the bottom third of the rope bowl with crafts paint. Let dry.

ROPE New England spun classic $\frac{1}{4}$ " 3-strand polyester rope, 50 cents per foot, sailrite.com

CRAFTS PAINT Americana Neons acrylic in sizzling pink, \$2 for 2 ounces, and Craft Smart acrylic in neon yellow and neon orange, \$1 for 2 ounces, all michaels.com

time to DIY



3 coil it into a mat

1. Start coiling polypropylene utility cord as tightly as possible, hot-gluing the rope to itself and sticking strips of heavy-duty white duct tape underneath as you go.
2. Once you've coiled the rope so the mat is about 13 inches in diameter, cut the rope, then melt the end with a match or a lighter so it doesn't unravel, and secure it with hot glue.
3. Following the instructions in step 1, use a new color of rope to continue the coil until the mat is 19 inches in diameter. Finish the rope's end as described in step 2. Then continue the coil with the first color of rope until the mat is 24 inches in diameter. Finish the rope's end.
4. Trim any excess duct tape.

ROPE $\frac{3}{8}$ " polypropylene rope in blue with yellow tracer and yellow with red tracer, \$6.50 each for 50 feet, qualitynylonrope.com

2 add handles to a tray

1. Using a drill fitted with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch bit, drill two holes $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart on one side of a tray, so the handle you are making will be centered. Repeat on the opposite side of the tray.

2. Spray-paint the entire tray, and let dry.

3. Wrap the ends of an 18-inch-long piece of manila rope with electrical tape, and thread them through the holes. Knot the ends on the inside of the tray. Using scissors, trim the excess rope, including the part covered with tape. Repeat on the other side of the tray.

ROPE $\frac{1}{4}$ " manila rope, \$6 per 50 feet, homedepot.com

TRAYS Blond kiri trays, \$24 each, jamaligarden.com

SPRAY PAINT Key Lime by Rust-Oleum, and Ballet Slipper and Mambo Pink by Krylon, all in gloss finish



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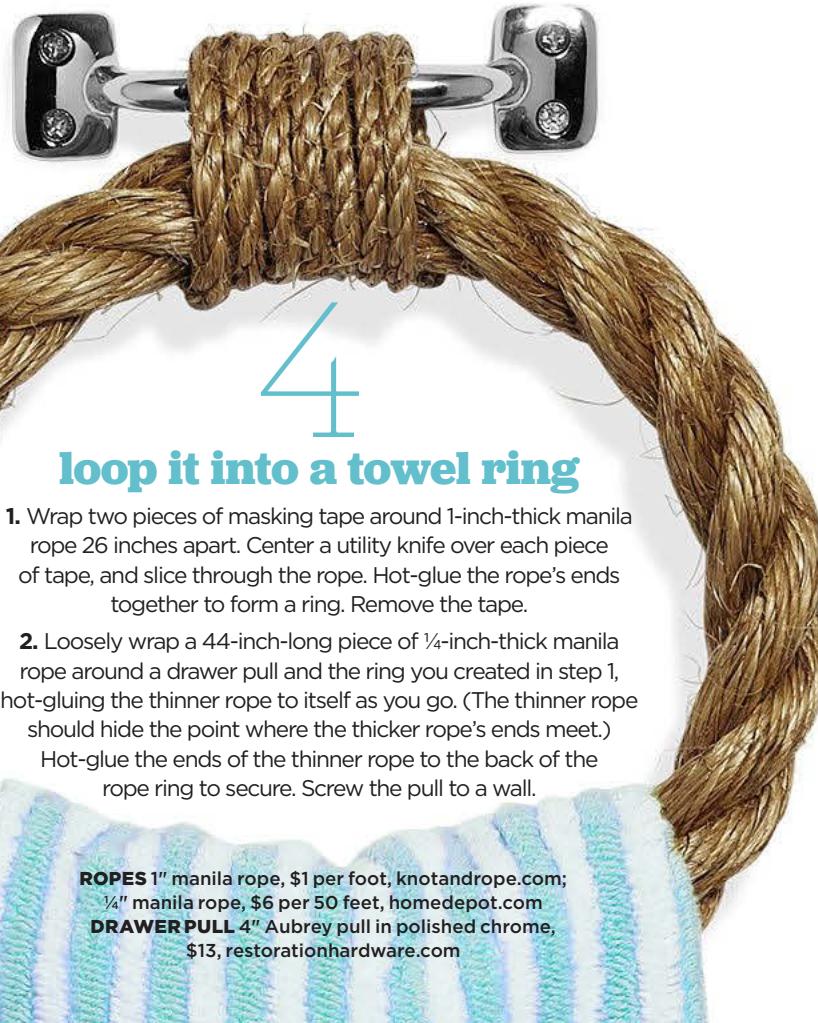
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loop it into a towel ring

1. Wrap two pieces of masking tape around 1-inch-thick manila rope 26 inches apart. Center a utility knife over each piece of tape, and slice through the rope. Hot-glue the rope's ends together to form a ring. Remove the tape.
2. Loosely wrap a 44-inch-long piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-thick manila rope around a drawer pull and the ring you created in step 1, hot-gluing the thinner rope to itself as you go. (The thinner rope should hide the point where the thicker rope's ends meet.) Hot-glue the ends of the thinner rope to the back of the rope ring to secure. Screw the pull to a wall.

ROPE 1" manila rope, \$1 per foot, knotandrope.com;
1/4" manila rope, \$6 per 50 feet, homedepot.com

DRAWER PULL 4" Aubrey pull in polished chrome, \$13, restorationhardware.com

5

make a knot lamp

1. Using thick cotton rope, make a monkey fist knot around a 5-inch-diameter foam sphere (available at crafts stores). For a step-by-step knot how-to, go to hgtv.com/monkey-fist-knot.
2. Wrap a 5-inch-diameter lamp base with the same kind of rope you used in step 1, securing it with hot glue as you go. Dab the ends of the rope with hot glue so they don't fray.
3. Stick the pole from a lamp kit through the center of the knot, between the sections of rope. Screw the pole into the base, and wire the lamp following the kit's instructions. Add a lampshade.

ROPE 5/8" 3-strand cotton rope, \$1 per foot, knotandrope.com

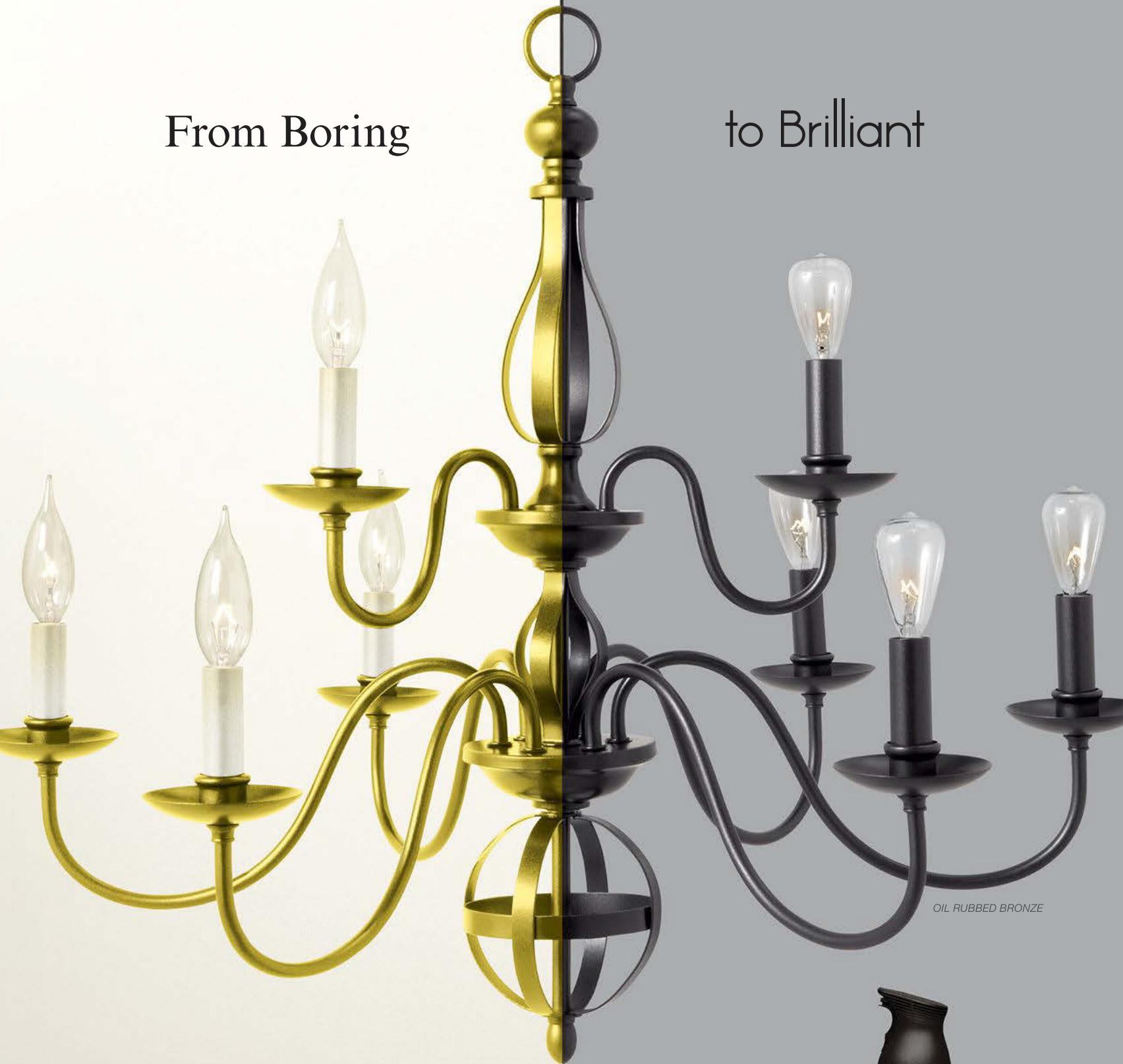
LAMP KIT Lamp Kit with 10" pipe and 8" harp, \$8.50, nationalartcraft.com

LAMP BASE 5"-diameter walnut-finish hardwood round lamp base, \$7.50, nationalartcraft.com

LAMP SHADE Peyton shade in navy, \$35, pbteen.com

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2 lantern lights

Oil Lanterns 10'-long string lights, \$40, joann.com



1

melamine tray

Certified International Barcelona 12" x 19" tray, \$20, parkandmain.com

3

serving bowl

Martha Stewart Collection Striped 11½"-diameter melamine bowl, \$25, macy's.com



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floor pillows

Mozaic Company Stella 28" x 28" polyester-blend outdoor floor pillows in stripe aqua, chevron yellow, and dossett orange, \$37 each, wayfair.com



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13 Elsa Medallion 9"-diameter melamine plates, \$26 for a mixed set of 4, potterybarn.com



14 Crawfish 9"-diameter paper plates, \$2.50 for a set of 8, shindigz.com



15 Quatrefoil 9"-diameter paper plates in fresh lime, \$4 for a set of 8, birthdayexpress.com



16 Dansk The Burbs 11"-diameter melamine plate in sunflower, \$13.50, bloomingdales.com



7 planted place cards

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—Chris Lambton, *Yard Crashers*

6 mini grill

Vacances 10 3/4" H x 14 3/4" diameter mini charcoal grill in turquoise, \$90, modcloth.com



8 citronella torch

36"-tall bamboo torch in pink, \$4, centurynovelty.com



17 School of Fish 9" x 9" melamine plate, \$5, crateandbarrel.com



18 Talking Tables Garden Fiesta 8 1/2"-diameter paper plates, \$10 for a set of 12, shopterrain.com



19 Almira melamine dinnerware (salad plate shown), \$20 for a set of 4 place settings, gibsonusa.com for stores



20 7"-diameter paper plates in turquoise, \$4 for a set of 10, hm.com

CUTE PAPER CUPS

9

Diamond Ikat cups, \$2 for a set of 8, partypail.com



10

Western cups, \$2 for a set of 8, orientaltrading.com



11

Sunny Chairs cups, \$1.50 for a set of 8, shindigz.com



12

Day in Paradise cups, \$4 for a set of 8, partycity.com



For a template to customize your own stickers, go to hgtv.com/party-favors.

21 **personalized favors**

“Kids will get a kick out of colorful flying discs. And adults always think the custom sticker is a fun touch.”

—Joanna Gaines, *Fixer Upper*

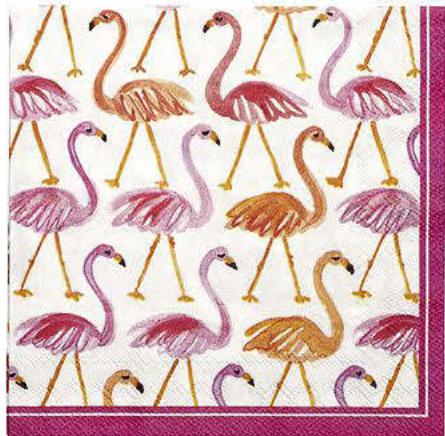
10 3/4"-diameter Daredevil Discs in light blue, orange, and yellow, \$11 each, discstore.com; White Gloss Inkjet 7"-diameter circle labels, \$12.50 for a set of 10, onlinelabels.com

22 **flower lights**
Hibiscus 11'-long string lights, \$10, partycity.com

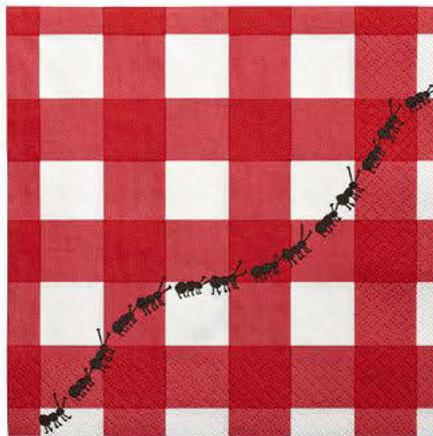
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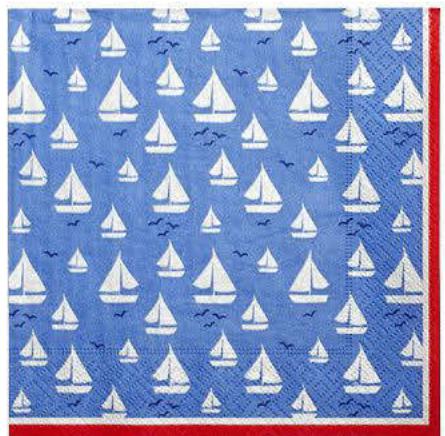
23 Caspari Bounce luncheon napkins in blue, \$6 for a set of 20, paperstyle.com



24 Rosanne Beck Rose Garden cocktail napkins, \$6 for a set of 20, emersonsloan.com



25 Tag Picnic Ants luncheon napkins, \$7 for a set of 20, modernlola.com



26 Caspari Regatta luncheon napkins, \$6 for a set of 20, paperstyle.com



27 Trendy Birds melamine dinnerware (salad plate shown), \$20 for a set of 4 place settings, gibsonusa.com for stores



28 Toot Sweet Ombré 9"-diameter paper plates, \$6 for a set of 8, merimeri.com



29 Certified International Mediterranean 11"-diameter melamine plates, \$37 for a set of 6, bedbathandbeyond.com



30 Shindigz Whimsical Ocean Waves 9"-diameter paper plate, \$2, zazzle.com

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33 nautical float lights

Japanese Float 8½"-long string lights, \$36 for a mixed set of 2, partylights.com

32 paper straws

Chevron paper straws, \$4 for a mixed set of 20, shopsweetlulu.com



34 dipped votives

“Make glass votive holders from the dollar store look pricey by dunking the bottom of each one in latex paint. Easy upgrade!”

—Tiffany Brooks, *HGTV Smart Home 2015*



35 Salut 11"-diameter melamine plate, \$16, katespade.com



36 Thomas Paul Rancho 11"-diameter melamine plates, \$44 for a mixed set of 4, allmodern.com



37 Hibiscus 9"-diameter paper plates, \$3 for a set of 8, orientaltrading.com



38 Rice DK Two Tone 8"-diameter melamine plate in hen, \$15.50, huset-shop.com

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Margarita 10'-long string lights, \$15, partycity.com

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mini hot dogs

Hot dogs are crowd-pleasers—but they don't need to be the main course. Serve mini dogs instead. Heat up cocktail franks and nestle them inside warm dinner rolls. Top them with spicy mustard or ketchup.



41

wireless speaker

Jam Party 7 1/2"W x 2 1/2"D x 2 3/4"H
bluetooth boom box speaker in
watermelon, \$100, jamaudio.com

Bold Stripes luncheon
napkins in (clockwise from
left) light aqua, red, and
yellow, \$6.50 for a set of 20,
polka-dot-market.com



42

DIY paper napkin pinwheels

These decorations look so cute hanging from tree branches. To make them, accordion-fold paper napkins, staple them in the middle, and cut the ends into points. Then unfold each napkin and glue the ends together."

—Christina El Moussa, *Flip or Flop*

For a step-by-step how-to, go to hgtv.com/paper-napkin-pinwheels.



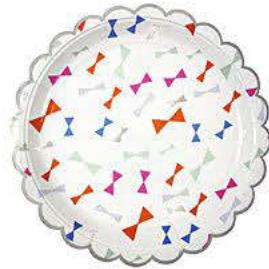
43 French Bull Bindi 8"-diameter
melamine plate, \$8, casa.com



44 Mudhut Marika 10 1/2"-diameter
melamine dinner plates, \$15 for
a mixed set of 4, target.com



45 Mesa 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" paper
plates, \$6.50 for a set of 8,
designdesign.us



46 Toot Sweet Bows 9"-diameter
paper plates, \$6 for a set of 8,
merimeri.com

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party time



48 pineapple lights

Kurt S. Adler Pineapple 11'-long string lights, \$18, oogalights.com



47 plastic utensils

Glitterville Pretty plastic flatware in peachy, \$3 for a 3-piece place setting, shopsweetlulu.com



49 cocktail tables

School of Fish metal tables, \$199 for a mixed set of 5 in varying heights, atwestend.com

50 wheelbarrow cooler

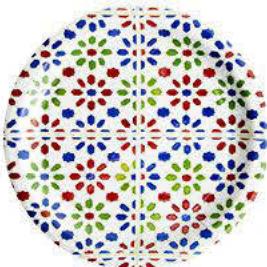
“Let your wheelbarrow have some off-duty fun. Fill it with ice, then stock it with drinks. The best part? You can roll it wherever the party goes.”

—Chip Wade, *Elbow Room*

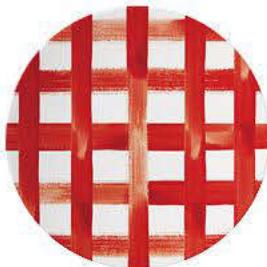


True Temper 4-cubic-foot wheelbarrow, \$35, homedepot.com

PINEAPPLE LIGHTS, UTENSILS, TABLES, ZAZZLE PLATE: MARKO METZINGER/STUDIO D; WHEELBARROW: PHILIP FRIEDMAN/STUDIO D



51 Shindigz Tiles 9"-diameter paper plate, \$2, zazzle.com



52 Watercolor Gingham 10 1/4"-diameter melamine plates, \$27 for a set of 4, papersource.com



53 Chevron Scalloped Edge 10"-diameter paper plates in lilac, \$3.50 for a set of 8, orientaltrading.com



54 Blue/Yellow 10 1/2"-diameter melamine plate, \$1.50, target.com

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56 palm tree lights

Palm Tree 8'-long string lights, \$10, partycity.com

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spiced buttered corn

To make the jalapeño-cilantro butter, combine 1 stick softened butter, 2 chopped seeded jalapeño peppers (1 red, 1 green), 2 tablespoons chopped pickled jalapeño and 1 tablespoon brine from the jar, and ½ cup chopped cilantro. Spread on corn on the cob.



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58 Silicone stemless wine glasses in sky blue, \$20 for a set of 2, siliconezone.com

59 Le Cadeaux Milano polycarbonate wine glass in yellow, \$9.50, touchofeurope.net

SHATTERPROOF GLASSES



57

food cover

Carnival Brights 14½"-diameter nylon and steel mesh food cover, \$13, pier1.com

60 Neon Hurricane plastic daiquiri cups, \$18 for a mixed set of 12, orientaltrading.com

61 Prodyne acrylic martini glass in green, \$4.50, clearlyacrylic.com



62 Floral Splash 10½"-diameter paper plates, \$3 for a set of 8, partycity.com



63 Grasslands Road Let's Eat 10½"-diameter melamine plates, \$32 for a set of 4, amazon.com



64 Meri Meri Nautical 9"-diameter paper plates, \$5 for a set of 12, westelm.com



65 Cheeky Scalloped Stripe 9"-diameter paper plates in blue, \$3 for a set of 44, target.com

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cool ranch



Bright white paint and a gray door (Meeting House White and Elegant Charcoal, both by Glidden) freshened up the classic one-story house.

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lthough Erin and Sheldon Bryan loved the sprawling layout of the ranch home they bought last year, they didn't love its stuck-in-the-'60s decor. "It had awful wallpaper, and the floors were either heinous carpet or wood that felt hollow when you walked on it," says Erin. With three kids (Crichton, 14; Hendley, 10; and Byrdie, 8), four dogs, and two cats, the Bryans knew a down-to-the-studs reno was out of the question, so they focused on what they could update fast. That meant fresh paint, new wide-plank hardwood floors, and a not-for-the-faint-of-heart mix of graphic prints devised by local designer Andrew Howard. "Everywhere you look there's a pop of something fun," says Erin.



LIVING ROOM

Since it's visible from the entry, Erin wanted the fireplace to make a statement. "I thought about hanging some artwork, but Andrew convinced me to make the fireplace itself the art," says Erin. A pattern of stenciled triangles gives the painted brick a tile-like look. It also anchors other pattern-happy pieces, including drapes made from Mark Alexander fabric. The sofas are covered in indoor/outdoor fabric—a solid navy by Pindler and a fun check by Christopher Farr—and piled with pillows.

Stencil colors

Silver Birch
and Mild Wind Blue,
both by Glidden

Indigo starburst-print
fabric by RP Miller
jazzes up this Palecek
armchair made
of rattan and rope.

LIVING ROOM

Built-in cabinets in the living area hold the stereo system. Originally painted brown, they're now a vivid blue (Van Deusen Blue by Benjamin Moore). The striped painting is from Leftbank Art.



“I’m still surprised at how well all the patterns came together.”

—Erin

wall color

Barely Jade
by Glidden



DINING ROOM The dining space—which Erin usually reserves for parties—also got its own lively pattern mix: a geometric West Elm rug, shibori pillows, and a block-print tablecloth from Mrs. Howard, a chain of stores owned by Andrew’s family. Erin got the table from friends who import furniture from Argentina, and the chairs are from Mrs. Howard. An Arteriors Home chandelier highlights the vaulted ceilings.



CRICHTON'S ROOM

“People can’t believe she can sleep in here, it’s so bright,” says Erin of her teenage daughter’s room. “But she loves it.” Diamond-print wallpaper by Lee Jofa establishes the electric pink color scheme, and all-white furniture (a DucDuc bed and Bungalow 5 side tables) helps calm everything down.

wall color

Razzle Dazzle by Benjamin Moore



HENDLEY'S ROOM

With only one small window, little sis Hendley’s room could have felt closed in, but a Technicolor combo of turquoise MissPrint wallpaper, a green-and-white PBteen rug, and a rainbow PBteen duvet cover cheer it up. “Our kids are full speed, and so is this room,” says Erin.

BYRDIE'S ROOM For her son's bedroom, Erin chose a boyish palette of navy and apple red. The family had the stacked bunk beds, outfitted in Serena & Lily sheets and pillows from High Fashion Home, in their old house. All the frame needed was a fresh coat of paint (Currant Red by Benjamin Moore). The striped rug is from PBteen.

wall color

Village Blue
by Glidden



now, get the look!



CHAIR

Almere teak and woven rope chair, \$807.50, franceandson.com



PILLOWS FROM TOP:

Chic Modern Ikat 16" x 16" polyester pillow in teal and red, \$34, zazzle.com; Bravo 16" x 16" cotton pillow in sun, \$24, landofpillows.com; Jaipur Rugs Cadiz Contemporary 18" x 18" cotton pillow, \$50.50, allmodern.com



RUG

Surya Etching 5' x 8' wool rug in hot pink, \$312.50, wayfair.com



TABLE

Bungalow 5 Taboret 20"H x 17"-diameter lacquered wood table in green, \$338, laylagrayce.com



PENDANT

Laika 16"H x 30¼"-diameter powder-coated-steel and rattan pendant in natural, \$599, hivemodern.com



CHEST

Shop Blue 36"W x 18"D x 34"H lacquered wood composite chest, \$399, cb2.com



STANDARD SHAM

Zig N Zag cotton sham in warm multi, \$28.50, pbteen.com

LAMP

Color Plus Apothecary 30"-tall glass lamp in French burgundy with shade in circle rings, \$150, lampsplus.com



WALLPAPER

Tri-Angled 24" x 48" wallpaper panel in turquoise, \$35, chasingpaper.com



BUNK BED

Fort powder-coated-steel twin over twin bunk bed in red, \$1,799, roomandboard.com



porch

Mary Kay's most jaw-dropping bargain: a 1930s collapsible walnut camp cot that she nabbed for just \$10 at an estate sale. Cozied up with mattress-ticking pillows and bolsters, it's a favorite spot for midday naps and doing puzzles with the grandkids. The mismatched rattan chairs, found at an estate sale, have identical cushions sewn from an awning-striped fabric from Warehouse Fabrics, so they look like a set.

junk never looked so good!

It's an endless vacation at this carefree beach cottage, loaded with the best deals under the sun.

a gung-ho antiquer, Mary Kay Andrews has braved dust-choked attics, swampy cellars, and cobwebbed toolsheds in pursuit of secondhand steals. But even this champion rummager had her dollar-stretching skills tested when she and husband Tom Trocheck purchased a dingy 1932 cottage on Tybee Island, GA, in 2013. With more than 2,000 square feet to furnish and fix up—and a desire to stick to a budget—Mary Kay, a best-selling author of feel-good beach reads, used all her scavenging smarts to transform the dated home into a laid-back seaside retreat. Now filled with upcycled treasures and rehabbed castoffs, it's ideal for mellow family vacations—and banging out her next page-turner. "I get inspired when I write here," she says. "My books feature plucky women reinventing themselves, and there's always a happy ending. And that's the story of this house."

CHAIR
\$30



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Mary Kay calls this sofa, with its extra-deep down cushions, "the couch of no return." *Beach Town*, her 23rd book, hit stores in May.

I wanted rooms so relaxed that even flip-flops would feel too formal.

—Mary Kay





living room

For an airy island vibe, the living room's board-and-batten paneling was painted crisp scallop-shell white (Parchment White by Glidden). The neutral walls serve as a backdrop for a rotating collection of inexpensive, casually propped waterscapes and the deep blue of the sofa Mary Kay found on Craigslist. She scored the 16-yard bolt of upholstery-grade denim used to cover it for \$25 at an estate sale. The round walnut coffee table is a hand-me-down freebie—it's the kitchen table from Mary Kay's girlhood home cut down to 21 inches tall.



porch

The pine table, snatched up at an Atlanta bookstore's going-out-of-business sale, has sentimental value for Mary Kay: She once did book signings at it. Teamed with an oak church pew that came with the house and 1940s chairs with new fabric cushions from Ballard Designs, it turns a sunny part of the porch into a cheerful dining area for six—with ocean views. The olive-basket pendant light is an original that Tom created.



TABLE
\$20

CHAIR
\$20

floor color
Hawaiian Teal by
Glidden





dining room

It's a look-alike of a highly collectible (and pricey) wool swimming costume, but the framed one-piece is actually a 1970s polyester bathing suit. "I found it at an antiques shop while I was on a book tour in Ohio," says Mary Kay. A carved oak buffet that's original to the house feels less fussy thanks to rustic lamps made from 1940s hand-crank metal ice cream churns unearthed on eBay.

master bedroom

A four-poster Ethan Allen bed found on Craigslist repeats the color of the en suite bathroom's black claw-foot tub and vanity. To beachify the salvaged bench, Mary Kay painted it white and stapled on red-and-white-striped fabric. The stain-hiding 1940s rug came from an estate sale, and the bed skirt and matching curtains are sewn from \$7-a-yard fabric from Warehouse Fabrics.





MIRROR
\$80

master bathroom

A mirror described on Craigslist as a “*Harry Potter* looking glass” got Mary Kay’s thrifting radar pinging, especially when the listing turned out to be for an ornately carved Victorian stunner. Since the house came with the black-and-white vanity, tub, and floor tiles, she kept the color combo going with a ruffled-bottom Pottery Barn shower curtain.



guest bedroom

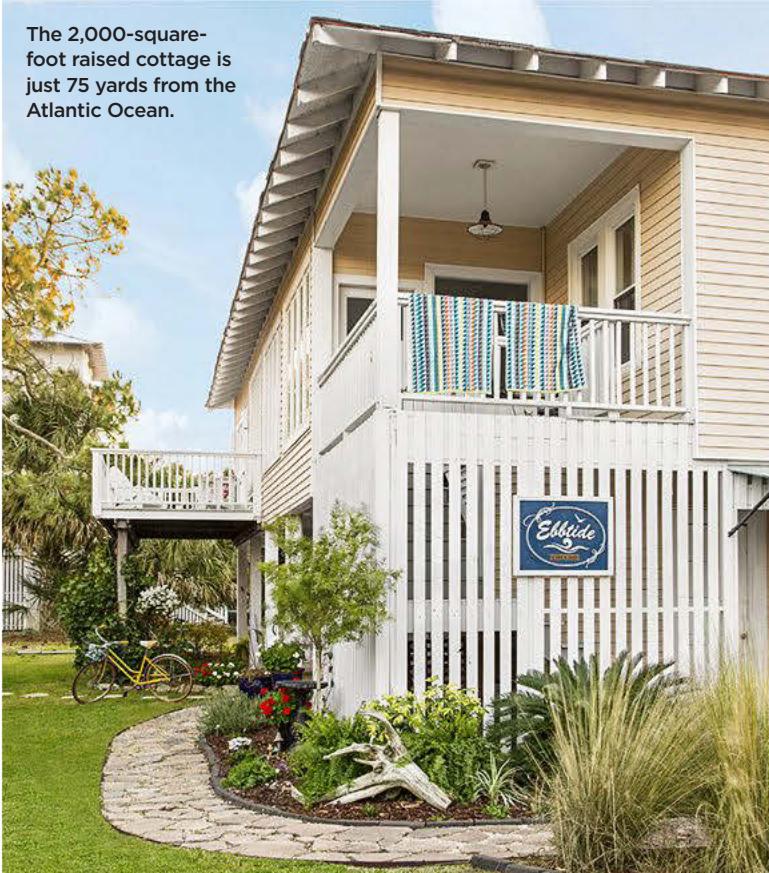
Part nautical, part Americana, the ground level guest bedroom includes a hanging light Tom crafted from a vintage minnow trap, a striped poultry feed grain sack that's hung like artwork, and oversize maritime maps thumbtacked to the wall. The no-cost twin bed, gifted to Mary Kay by a girlfriend, is dressed with a quilt from HomeGoods and a patriotic Old Glory pillow sham.

guest bedroom

Painted white (Parchment White by Glidden), the twin beds found on Craigslist and the estate sale dresser don't compete with the bedroom's richly grained paneling. The rest of the room is done in country-meets-beach hues of red, white, and blue.



The 2,000-square-foot raised cottage is just 75 yards from the Atlantic Ocean.



junking like a pro

Mary Kay's top snag-a-deal tricks.

- **Go to the right sales.**

Mary Kay doesn't sugarcoat it: "Dead people have the best stuff." Estate sales on behalf of the recently departed or the elderly will usually yield better finds than a young couple's garage sale. Visit estatesale.com for listings near you.

- **The timid go home empty-handed.** No shrinking violet, Mary Kay always carries a pen and masking tape so she can stick **SOLD** signs on bulky items she wants

but can't lug to the checkout. She's also not afraid to throw out an offer: "While junking at a house that was about to be torn down, I asked if they'd take \$200 for the floorboards. I got 'em!"

- **Accept that you'll buy clunkers.** Lamps with European wiring, tables with rickety legs, smelly chairs—Mary Kay has unwittingly bought them all. But it's OK to make mistakes. Take it as a learning experience and move on to the next great sale.



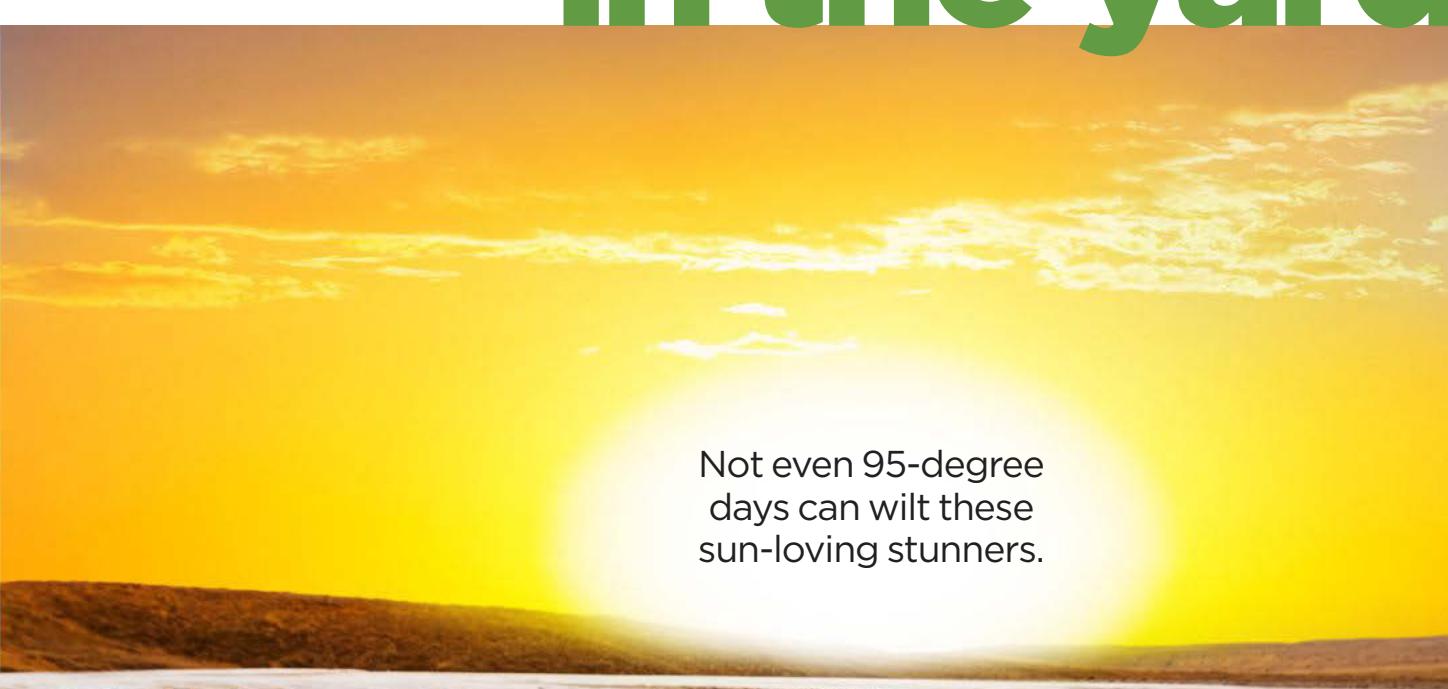
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globe amaranth

No rain? No problem for this annual, which happily grows in desert-like weather. Plant it in spring and you'll see tall pom-pom-shaped blooms in purple, pink, red, or white into fall. Bonus: Birds love it.*

lantana

Perfect for sunbaked spots, this no-fail butterfly-baiting annual (which is a perennial in areas that don't get frost) packs a ton of color in each cluster of tiny flowers. It comes in vivid shades of pink, orange, yellow, coral, purple, and red, and it's often two- or three-toned. Plant it in early summer and it will bloom until frost.*



periwinkle

This tiny annual flourishes in full sun, scorching heat, and average soil and requires little watering. Plant seedlings in early summer for vibrant pink, red, or lavender blooms until frost. Try one of the trailing Mediterranean varieties in a hanging basket or in a border. While easy to grow, the plant can develop fungus, so clean up dead leaves, and don't overwater.*

mexican sunflower

This cheery annual puts out daisy-like flowers in orange, red, or yellow that bees and butterflies love. It's easy to start from seed. If you plant a large variety, just make sure to give them space—and be prepared to stake them if they become unruly. Mexican sunflower thrives in full sun all summer long and is very drought-tolerant once it gets going.*



butter daisy

Gardeners love this yellow star-shaped annual as much as birds, bees, and butterflies do for good reason: All it needs is full sun and regular watering until it's established (about six weeks), then it can survive drought. It's also deer-resistant, making it a smart choice for flower beds in areas with a lot of wildlife.*



cockscomb

This velvety-looking annual requires hardly any attention—or water—once established as long as it's planted in an area with full sun. Find it in a variety of shapes and a spectrum of fiery shades, including gold, tangerine, scarlet, and magenta. Grow it from seed or seedlings for electric color well into the fall.

There's nothing like soaking up some rays.



*=drought-tolerant

This icon IDs plants that are naturally adapted to dry, arid conditions. That means once they're established, they can live through long periods—up to an entire season—without significant amounts of water.



blanket flower

This perennial sprouts frilly flowers in orange, yellow, or red (or a combo of the three) from summer into fall. Dwarf varieties grow on bushy 10-to-12-inch-tall plants; bigger varieties reach 24 to 30 inches. Plant it from seed or try seedlings in beds or pots.*

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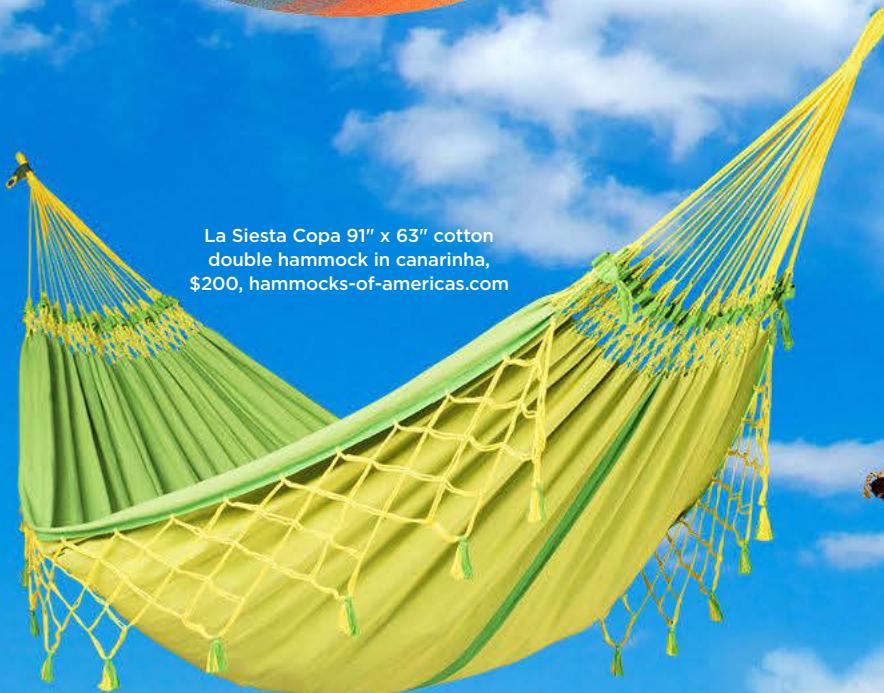
If you want to up the wow factor in your yard, plant this heat-loving annual. It attracts butterflies, tolerates drought, doesn't mind humidity, and provides pretty white, pink, or purple blooms from summer until your area's first frost. It grows to only about a foot tall, but it spreads in the sun, making it perfect for filling in containers or flower beds.*



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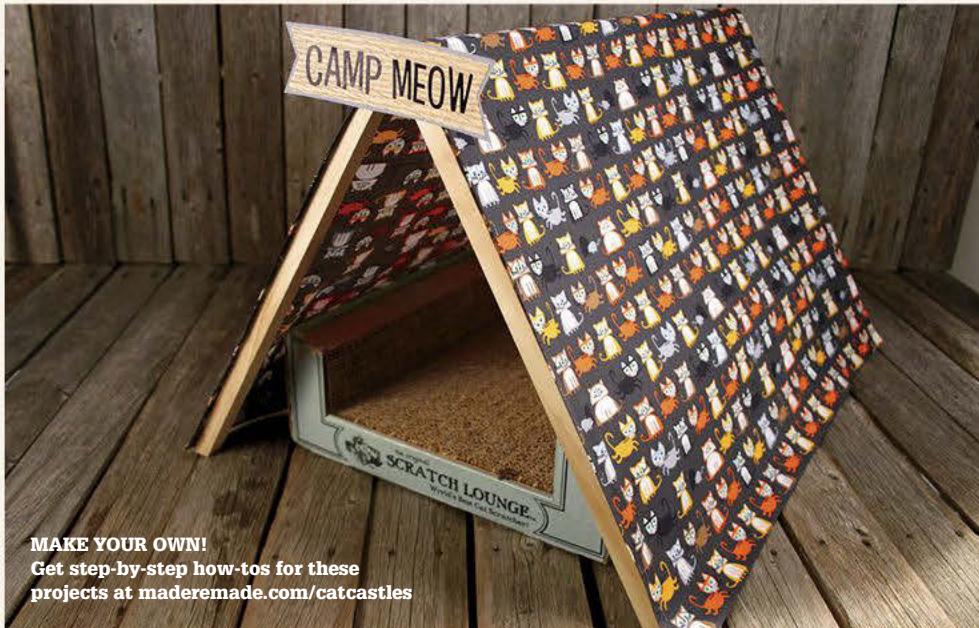
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BED SWING Rivertowne 81" W x 45" D x 31" H custom swing bed with Sunbrella mattress/pillow set in white, from \$2,075, lcswingbeds.com. **PILLOW**

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rectangle coffee table, overstock.com.

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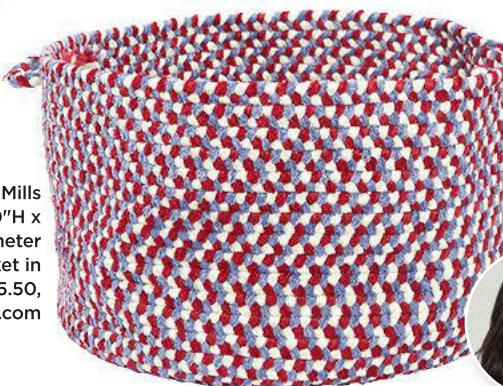
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